



Antoinette Bernier Larson

May 5, 1921 - November 7, 2012

Antoinette Bernier Larson, beloved mother, grandmother and sister, died on November 7, 2012. Born on May 5, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Antoinette Bernier. She graduated from New Britain High School and worked in the insurance industry in Hartford, CT, until her marriage. A war bride, she traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina to marry Harry Larson, who was in Officers Training School at the University of North Carolina. After the war, she and Harry lived in New Britain where they established the Smalley Machine & Tool Co., built a home, and raised their three daughters.

"Toni" took joy in the ordinary, daily pleasures of life. She was a knitter extraordinaire who prolifically made sweaters, hats, scarves and afghans for her family. She was a wordsmith who delighted in crossword puzzles and the game Scrabble. She enjoyed the companionship of her pet cats and dogs throughout the years. In the summer she loved to sunbathe at Misquamicut Beach, RI and Long Beach Island, NJ. She found her greatest joy, however, in being with her family.

She is survived by her daughters: Linda Dolan, and her husband Thomas, of Melrose, MA; Christine Boilard and her husband, Donald of New Britain; Elizabeth Lisa Rubin and her husband Michael, of Caldwell, NJ. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren: Holly Westfall and her husband Eric, Sarah Rieber and her husband Michael, Andrew Dolan, Timothy Dolan,

Elizabeth Boilard, Jonathan Boilard, Meredith Rubin, and Caroline Rubin. Also surviving are her five great grandchildren, Emma, Jonah, and Sasha Rieber, and Erin and Nathaniel Westfall. She is also survived by her brother Roger Bernier and his wife Frances, of Niantic, her sister in law Margaret Bernier of New Britain, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Harry Larson, who died in 2000, she was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Marcelle Tykson, and her brothers, Arthur and Ernest Bernier.

Funeral services for Antoinette will be held 12 Noon Saturday November 10, 2012 at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Calling hours will be from 11 AM Saturday until the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart goes out to the family. Mrs. Larson was a loving woman and it was a pleasure to meet her. She will be missed.*

Belinda Richardson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dearest Lisa, Chris, and Linda,
My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this most difficult time. I have such fond memories as a child of your Mom. She was always so inviting, kind, thoughtful, and warm. She was such a wonderful neighbor to grow up with. I love the photograph of her in the obituary. If you are ever in the DC area, please contact Jon and me. We would love to see you.
Warm thoughts and much love,
Lori*

Lori Venberg Roop - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to all. We didn't see Aunt Toni a lot but I still remember her fondly from when we were children. I remember her as being gracious, kind and giving of herself. I'm sure she is at peace.*

Cy nthia and Earl Larson-Kelly - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I work with Lisa Rubin, Antoinette's loving daughter. If Lisa is anything like Antoinette, she must have been a loving, caring, beautiful person as Lisa is. She spoke of her mother often and how she was such a sweetheart inside and out. I wish I had met her. I feel I have through Lisa. My deepest condolences to the entire family. May Antoinette rest in peace now that she is suffering no longer.

Annette Sargie - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear family members, we have lots of memories of your whole family. We often looked out our window and saw Toni doing her puzzles. She was a nice neighbor and loved having her family around. She is not in pain now and I am sure she will be missed by all of you. Our deepest sympathy.
Sue & Ray

The Venbergs - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were so sorry to hear about your mom. I know how much you will miss her. What a lovely tribute to her. We are thinking of you.

Christine and Dan Krippahne - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM