



## Barbara (Hennessey) Evans

January 31, 1926 - December 11, 2024

Barbara Ann (Hennessey) Evans, 98, of New Britain, beloved wife and mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at her home. She was born into a boisterous family in Boston in 1926. She graduated from the Boston Girls Latin School in 1944, racing her father home for lunch through the streets each day. She moved with her husband, the late James J Evans Sr., to New Britain in 1957 to raise her family. Barbara worked at Lord & Taylor for an unbelievable 55 years in Bishops Corner and later West Farms Mall where she was an icon in the Children's Department, styling generations until her retirement in 2019. She was a member of St. Jerome Church and later St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Barbara had many interests and loved spending time with family dining out, partying and getting into mischief. She was skilled at upholstery and proud to inspire children as a Cub Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Troop Leader. She is survived by son, James J. Evans Jr. of New Britain, daughter Susan E Searle and her husband Charles F of New Britain; six grandchildren and spouses, Kelly (Dilyan), Meghan (Dan), and Breanne (Kevin) Evans, Eileen, Richard (Joanne), and Austin Searle; five great grandchildren, Mila and Isabel Searle, Rory Searle and Maira and Lily Wielechowski; sister-in-law Edna Evans of South Boston; and her beloved nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Barbara was predeceased by her husband James, three brothers, Austin "Ed", Robert and Richard Hennessey, and two sisters, Frances Simon and Beatrice Webb.

Calling hours are Saturday (December 14, 2024) 9AM TO 12 Noon at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. A graveside service will be held Monday (December 16, 2024) 12 noon at Winslow Cemetery in Marshfield, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Friendship Service Center, 241 Arch Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC **14.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **16.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Winslow Cemetery  
Winslow Cemetery Rd.  
Marshfield, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy, Susan & family,  
Barbara was one of the best neighbors you could ever ask for, so many memories of the Evans family growing up.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with.  
Johnny & the guzze family

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**John David Guzze** - December 12, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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Ms Barbara was one Amazing lady , she was so funny she could run circles around the young people she worked with at Lord & Taylor's. If we all went out after work she was the Life of the party. i am so sorry for your loss, But she wouldn't want anyone to be sad. She would want everyone to Celebrate 😊 Blessings to her 🙏

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**Angela Finan** - December 13, 2024 at 10:45 PM