



## Betty (Brann) Carlson

August 15, 1931 - June 12, 2017

Betty (Brann) Carlson, of Kensington, passed away peacefully on Monday June 12, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. She was the widow of Arnold W. Carlson with whom she shared 63 years of marriage. Born in New Britain, she was daughter of the late Herbert and Mabel (Anderson) Brann and is a graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1949. She was employed at Atkins Office Supply before she married. She then raised her family of four children, later becoming the Adult Activities Director at the YWCA of New Britain. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain and the Ladies Altar Guild at the church; was a member of the Swedish Junior League; the Women's Club of New Britain; and the Kensington Garden Club. Betty and Arnold's home was where her family would gather for supper on Sundays to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or whatever they could think of. Holidays were her favorite - especially Christmastime. Betty's source of pride was her family. She was a wonderful cook, baker and entertainer who enjoyed sharing life with those she loved. She was an avid gardener and bird watcher would spend hours outside during the summer. She had a fun loving group of friends that spent time together frolicking on Cape Cod, and a special friend in Kensington that she would enjoy a nice walk with, only to be followed by coffee and donuts.

She leaves behind her four children, David Carlson and his wife Leanne, Lennart Carlson and his wife Maureen, William Carlson, and Jane Rossi and her husband John, all of Kensington. She leaves 10 adored grandchildren,

Billy, Lindsay, Mary Kate, Danny, Andrew, Jacqueline, Kristen, Kevin, Alec and Matthew; two great granddaughters, Laura and Ellie; a brother, Paul Brann and his wife Rita; a brother in law Ralph Steurer; two cousins, Beverly Pavasaris and Bruce Anderson; several nieces and nephews. Betty was predeceased by two sisters, Carol Steurer and Marjorie Smith.

Funeral services are Friday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. Calling hours are Thursday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church or to The Alzheimer's Disease Association, 2075 Silas Dean Highway, Suite 100 Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Lane Cemetery

High Rd.  
Kensington, CT 06037

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Lutheran Church  
77 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I am so sad today . Just saw Betty's Obituary today. I don't know how I missed it. But she was the best. Working at the Post office has its benefits and knowing Betty is the reason why I love my job. When I got transferred to being a mail man she was so good to me ... on all the hot days she made sure she kept pink Countrytime lemonade in the fridge in the garage for me because she knew it was my favorite. And she told me if you every change your mind just let me know and we will keep something different stocked in here. That was 15 years ago .

When I started working back in the inside she always made sure she came to visit and I always tried to have the stamps with the white roses just for her. Those were her favorite. I will always remember your kindness to me and remember your cool nature. I remember her observing a very rude customer . She Said ..."Well that wasn't very nice at all."

I remember Betty telling me ..."You're doing a great job" and telling me not to let a bad day or mean customers change me. Those are words that I will continue to live by. You will always be a treasure to me. You made the world a better place . Love you and will Miss you always. Sending you a box full of kisses in Heaven.

*Tammy From The Kensington Post Office*

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**Tammy Shockley** - June 24, 2017 at 10:19 AM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. Betty has always been loved by all who knew her...to know her was to love her.

She had a genuine spark as a young mother when I first met her and know how very much she strived to keep the entire "clan" together and happy.

She will be sorely missed.

God bless you all...hold on to the stellar memories of a sterling woman.

Love, Lynda and Bob Bonato (Paul and Rita's friends)

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**Lynda Bonato** - June 14, 2017 at 03:37 PM

RP

“ Paul and Rita. So sorry for your loss. Love Vicky and Rich Pavasaris

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**Richard and Vicky Pavasaris** - June 14, 2017 at 07:06 AM