



## Christa Schneider Eckert

October 27, 1932 - August 28, 2013

Christa Schneider Eckert, 80, of Berlin, passed away Wednesday August 28, 2013 at the Hospital of Central CT. Born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany to Henrich and Augusta Morgen Schneider. Christa was a loyal employee of 45 years at Mary's Pastry Shop in Berlin. Many of the customers became lifelong friends. She was a very active member and former officer of Schutzen Park Sick Benefit Society and the Hartford Liederkrantz in Newington. Christa loved Christmas and always made it a very special time for her family & friends. She loved to decorate, and her home was like a winter wonderland. She made the best spritz cookies & loved to give them to her family and friends. She was so happy to teach her daughter-in-law, granddaughters & great granddaughter how to make those cookies with her old-fashioned German cookie press. She was also an excellent cook and took great pride in making many special family meals at her home. Her family meant the world to her. She attended St. Matthew Lutheran Church in New Britain.

Christa is survived by her son Peter E. Montana and his wife Karen of Southington, grandchildren Kim Grace and her husband Chuck of Southington, Peter D. Montana and his wife Laura, their children Hayley and Peter J. Montana of Plainville, a sister Annelise Reese of New Jersey, and her long-time sweetheart of over 30 years, Reinhard Radka. She also leaves 2 stepchildren, Steven & Linda Eckert. She also leaves a very special friend, Andrew Sluback who was always ready to lend a helping hand, as well as

many extended family and friends. Christa & Reiny loved their trips together, especially their annual trips to Reidelbauers Resort in upstate New York. They made many friends there and always had wonderful time. She was predeceased by her sisters Ilsa and Edith, and her husband Albert Eckert.

Funeral Services are Wednesday Sept 4th 10 AM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours are Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Christa Eckert Memorial Education Fund which has been established for her great grandchildren. Donations to be sent to Webster Bank, N.A., 40 Webster Square Rd., Berlin, CT 06037. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ My stepmother Chris Eckert as we her only stepchildren called her when she was married to my Dad the Great Albert Eckert was never loving nor caring to us. When I was a child and reached up on my tippy toes to give her a kiss for Christmas she turned her head away. When my father passed she stated If he gave anything to us we should give it to her. She would not even give us a picture to remember him by or a momento. When my father passed she cut herself off from the entire family including my fathers parents and sister and would not even speak to us on the phone! When I called her son Peter to see how she was doing he stated he could not talk to us as she would not allow it. My father devoted his whole life to loving and taking care of her and providing her with a beautiful home Only to have his loving children, mother and father and family discarded like garbage. Our family was so good to her. This is a hurt that we will endure forever. Her only love and her pride and joy was her son Peter from her 1st marriage. The lovely lady passing out cookies at the bakery was not the perfect stepmother at home. Im sorry for your loss Peter and sweet Karen as she was sooo good to you and put you on a pedestal but her treatment of us was hurtful and unwarranted. May she rest in peace and God bless you all.

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**Linda Eckert** - November 18, 2016 at 05:44 PM

TD

“ Peter/Karen:Chris was like a second mother to all us Drzata kids, she will be missed. I know the last couple of years were difficult healthwise, but she told me that you two took very good care of her. Take comfort in knowing how proud she was of you and the grandkids. Our sincere sympathies.

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**Tom/Marlene Drzata** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Chris, such a wonderful and loving woman. She always had time to help anyone who needed it. She took the time to make life special for those who knew her. She was simply unforgettable. Love, Bill & Kathy

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**Bill & Kathy Cahill** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Peter, Karen & family, I was so sorry to read in the paper of your mother's passing. She was like family to me, she was always at the family functions. I remember her as a very pretty woman, and always a smile to greet me. I was very fond of her. I give you all my sympathy and you will be in my prayers.  
Aunt Betty

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**Betty Keehner** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ She will always be Grandma Chris. : I will always remember walking into the bakery, and finding her behind the counter she always gave Erik and I a cookie...the rainbowish one or Pac-Man one. She was the best!!!!

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**Jen Tillman** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Peter, Karen and family - Please accept my deepest sympathies. Your mom was such a sweetheart... I don't think I had ever seen her without a smile on her face.

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**Laurene Young McCrann** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM