



## Constance "Connie" Francis

June 3, 1927 - September 22, 2023

Constance "Connie" (Cavaliere) Francis, 96, widow of Leno "Leo" Francis, passed away Friday (September 22, 2023) at Jerome Home surrounded by love. We have lost true family matriarch. Born in New Britain, daughter of Michael and Eva (Castiola) Cavaliere, she was a lifelong resident of Plainville. Connie was a volunteer with the Plainville Republican Party, sang in two choirs, was a hospice volunteer, organized and worked the weekly Bingo Night to benefit the church/ school and was always ready and eager to help where needed. She was an avid reader, lifetime walker (with her sister), casino player, great cook (eggplant), baker (pies), was a Yankee fan from a young age listening on radio with her father and was an avid UCONN Women's Basketball fan. Leo and Connie provided a warm inviting house where everyone was welcomed.

She is survived by her 4 daughters, Joan Ostertag (Donald), Diane Chaffin (Michael), Laura Fradette (Bruce) and Lynn Ann Metz (Rob). She also leaves her eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, a beloved sister Theresa "Tessie" Taylor and a brother John Cavaliere (Maryann). Also, Robin Metz (her fifth daughter), numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong devoted friends.

Besides her husband Leo of 59 years, she was predeceased by brothers Michael (Marian) Cavaliere, Frank (Shirley) Cavaliere and brother in law John Taylor.

A funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday (Sept 28, 2023) 10 am at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 20 South Canal St, Plainville. (PLEASE GO

DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH). There are no public calling hours. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery, Plainville, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, 54 South Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

### St. Joseph's Cemetery

Farmington Ave.  
Plainville, CT

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mercy  
19 South Canal Street  
Plainville, CT 06062

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Lynn and family - I will always remember your mother as a bundle of energy and fun. I am truly sorry for your loss.  
Jeanette Francini

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**Jeanette Francini** - November 06, 2023 at 01:54 PM

CN

“ Sending our condolences to all of Connie's family and friends! May Connie rest in the peace and loving arms of God Our Father in Heaven!  
Celeste and Howard Norup. 🙏🙏💜

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**Celeste Norup** - September 26, 2023 at 02:00 PM

BH

“ Connie was a lovely, kind, fun lady, who was a Volunteer in our Hospice Program, in Plainville. She was always willing to help, with any project, or task, especially our Tree of Life event. We visited with her in Old Saybrook, a few times. Rest in Peace dear Connie.  
Fondly remembered, Barb Hirsch

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**Barbara Hirsch** - September 23, 2023 at 11:00 PM

GP

“ I've known Connie for many years friends with her daughter Joan. Her grandson Steve (Joan son) and my son Jim have been friends for many years. I will miss bumping into Connie at Ganzzo's and other places around town. She always had a smile. RIP

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**Gail Pugliese** - September 23, 2023 at 11:07 AM

LF

“ *Connie, you will be missed. You always had a welcoming smile and funny story to tell. <3*

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**Lynn F** - September 23, 2023 at 06:28 AM

RL

“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences to all of you. Connie was lots of fun, and will be miss.*

*Much love to all*

*Roseann (Atheam), Andy, Ava, Arri and RJ  
Lauzon*



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**Roseann Lauzon** - September 22, 2023 at 09:50 PM