



Donald T. Ruta

March 20, 1958 - January 6, 2026

Donald T. Ruta, 67, of Plainville, was called home to find his peace with God on Tuesday (Jan. 6, 2026) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, he was the beloved son of Cynthia (Johnson) Ruta of Kensington and the late Raymond Ruta. He lived in Plainville since 1998. Don was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain, Class of 1976 and worked at several gas station and garages including Scott's Mobil in Farmington for 20 years, was a former employee of Anthony's of Plainville and Citgo of Southington, and was a manager at the Southington Drive in for over 20 years.

Don was a loving son, a devoted father, proud grandpa and a devoted friend to many. Besides his mother Cynthia, he leaves a daughter, Kara Ruta of Bristol; a brother, Robert "Bobby" Ruta and his wife Jennifer of Durham, NC; two sisters, Mary Fiske and her husband Craig of Laguna Neguel, CA, and Robin Rubin and her husband Jeffrey of Essex, MA; two grandsons, Austin Ruta and Christian Scott; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are Tuesday (January 13) 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday morning from 10 to 11 AM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Children's New England, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

662 Burritt Street
New Britain, CT 06053

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
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Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ I may be posting this a month later but I was walking my dog and not seeing his car in the parking lot really just made it hot that he's never coming back. Don was my neighbor for years and while we didn't talk much, I always appreciated his presence. From how him keeping his heat on all the time kept my room hot to seeing him smoking on the back stairs, there was always just his presence. I may not have been a friend or family of his, I may not have known him as well as anyone else, but he will always be in my heart. I still clean off his mailbox, I still watch out for rocks on the stairs, I still expect him to be there when I get home only to remember that's not happening. He will forever be missed.

Oliver Belliveau - February 09 at 10:22 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Ruta family. I've known Don since our high school days and was very sorry to learn of his passing. We enjoyed our trips to Rocky Neck, Cape Cod, and Washington D.C. for the bicentennial. He was interested in air travel and we visited many airports and even attended the opening of the National Air and Space Museum. In recent years he kept me updated on his doings, expressing pride in his daughter and grandkids. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Jim Bresch - January 17 at 12:50 AM

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“ I worked with Don and we became friends and may he rest in peace
Dennis Manafort

Dennis Manafort - January 11 at 04:42 PM