



## Doreen Johnson Messier

October 24, 1940 - April 15, 2013

Doreen Johnson Messier, 72, of Berlin, passed away Monday April 15, 2013 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Everett and Gladys Johnson Johnson, she lived in Madison and Jupiter, FL, moving to Berlin in 2008. Doreen was a graduate of New Britain High School Class of 1958, received her bachelors degree from Syracuse University in 1962 and went on to receive her Master from the University of Bridgeport. She was employed as an elementary school teacher in Killingworth for 32 years until her retirement in 2006. She later became a full time substitute teacher at Hubbard Elementary School in East Berlin from 2008 until 2012. Doreen was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain; was active in the Haddam Killingworth Education Association; and received the CIAC Award for Innovative Programs in the schools.

Surviving is her son, Louis Messier of East Hampton; a brother, Darrell Johnson and his wife Donna of Holland, MA; a sister, Janet Schroeder of Berlin; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Everett Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Friday 11 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill. Calling hours are Thursday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Center, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“*Lou, Jane and I are sorry for the loss of your mother. I know she meant the world to you. You were a very devoted son. I remember the reason i met you was because you moved back to CT to take care of her after she broke her hip in 2000. Sorry this is late but i just found out. May she rest in peace, Bob*

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**bob colossale** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“*I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Doreen at Hubbard School. She always had a smile and a hello for me. You could tell teaching was her passion, may she rest in peace.*

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**Liz Atwood** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*I had the pleasure of working with Doreen while she was a long-term substitute in fifth grade at Hubbard. My son, Sebastian, was one of her students during that time. He is also deeply saddened by the news. Doreen will be greatly missed by myself and all of the Hubbard School Staff. We will keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**The Fusco Family** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*My entire family is so saddened by this loss. Ms. Messier was a substitute at our children's school and more recently served as Danyella's long term substitute. She is as disheartened by the loss of this wonderful lady as we all are. Rest in peace, Ms. Messier--you will be missed.*

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**The Kaplan's Danyella, Jake, Elana & Greg** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *First grade is not an age I can remember a lot from, but I do remember how much I liked Mrs. Messier. I remember calling her "mom" by accident, and she didn't embarrass me about it. I remember feeling scared for her the day one of our classmates tried hurting her with a chair. She kept calm and helped keep us calm. I am sure she did so much more for us. She was the only teacher that my older sister and I shared. After 1st grade, my mother always requested different teachers for me than what my sister had. As a parent now, I see what that truly meant. She liked and trusted Mrs. Messier too and that always had an impact on me.*

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**Krista Lawrence Maslo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Doreen was a soft and gentle soul who was a nurturing, devoted teacher of our young. May she truly rest in peace. To her loving family: May your fondest memories shine through the sadness and grief at this time and give you her love. Julie*

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**Julie Rader** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM