



Dorothy "Dottie" (Nilson) Nelson

May 14, 1927 - May 24, 2017

Dorothy "Dottie" (Nilson) Nelson, 90, of Bristol passed away peacefully on May 24, 2017. Beloved wife of Wesley L. Nelson, she was born in Stamford and then resided in Plainville for 53 years where she and Wes raised their children. Dottie was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain. She sang in the choir, volunteered on the Altar Guild, travelled with the Midways and spent many years organizing the Christmas Crafts Fair with her friends. She retired from the Wheeler Clinic in 1992 and then volunteered at American Red Cross blood drives and the American Cancer Society where she drove cancer patients to their appointments. All who met Dottie, loved her. She was a good friend, listener and loved and laughed with all her heart. She and her family are grateful for the loving care from her long-time doctors Echanique, Harrison, Hosmer and Insel, she had a great fondness for each of them. We also want to thank Susan Zoolek for being her companion and friend and for the loving care she received at Hospital of Central CT.

Mom was an avid tennis fan (Federer her favorite), an accomplished knitter and seamstress. She lovingly made afghans, Easter dresses, coats and a beautiful christening dress worn by many of her grandchildren. She embraced life, learned to ski at 50, gardened, played tennis and antiques with Wes and collected dolls without him. After retirement, their favorite pastime was spending time with their family, traveling many roads through New Hampshire and Vermont and riding the waves at Coast Guard Beach.

Mom had 6 children, Leslie Nelson of Eureka, CA; Kristine Hodlin and her husband Paul of Milton, MA; Diane Pratt and her husband Gary of Terryville; Brandt Nelson and his wife Maureen of Plainville; Gunnar John who pre-deceased her in 2007; Ingrid Nelson and her husband Kenneth Beicke of Bristol. She also leaves 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews including Eva and her husband Claes of Sweden and her golden retriever Maggie.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday (May 27, 2017) 1 PM at Carlson Funeral Home in New Britain. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will be held Saturday from 11:30 to 1pm at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Ste 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 27. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I have many great memories of Dottie through the years at First Lutheran and at big family gatherings at Uncle Norman's cottage on Lake Hayward. She was such a warm and loving person. Always interested in what everybody was up to. Thinking of all of you in your loss and wish we had been able to come down this weekend and see all of you again. Sending our love and prayers.
Jill Davidson-Moffie, Gary, Hannah and Carly.

Jill K Davidson-Moffie - May 28, 2017 at 05:17 PM

JG

“ Gram, I am so grateful you were able to meet my children! We are so thankful for you and this amazing family you put together and loved. Seeing your face light up when you saw us is a memory I will always cherish. We love you so much!

Jesse, Justine, Peyton and Maddux

Jesse Graney - May 26, 2017 at 11:11 AM

CG

“ Christmas at the Nelson house was always bustling! I would come over & help Kristine wash down walls for the company while Mrs. Nelson was busy in the kitchen. Sleepovers always had me puzzled as we could only have one small glass of oj, now I realize there were 2 good reasons: 1) too much sugar & 2) there were always a bunch of us there. For my mother's Celebration of Life Mrs. Nelson came by with a large pot of Swedish Meatballs, my favorite. She always reached out to others with loving care! Mrs. Nelson, you have a wonderful family due to your actions passed along to them.
Love you!

Cynthia Gabriele - May 26, 2017 at 07:19 AM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss, hopefully with time you will find comfort in your memories, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, hugs!

Benson Family, Gordon, Michele, Cody & Ryan

Michele Benson - May 25, 2017 at 05:43 PM