



Eleanor McLagan Forster

December 31, 1917 - September 12, 2006

Eleanor McLagan Forster, 88, of New Britain, widow of Russell N. Forster, died Tuesday September 12, 2006 at Ledgecrest Convalescent Home in Kensington. Born in New Britain, she lived in Kensington since 1950 until moving back to New Britain 10 years ago. A graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1936, Eleanor was employed by the Berlin school system as a secretary at Willard School for 26 years until her retirement in 1982. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain and a member of St Elizabeth's Guild, and was a longtime member of St. Mark's Altar Guild.

Surviving is her grandson, Jeffrey Pajor and his fiancé Amy Vass of Berlin; a son-in-law John Pajor and his wife Antoinette of Berlin; and several cousins including Robert Catlin and his wife Winifred of Houston Texas; Dr, Francis Catlin and his wife Rebecca also of Houston; Marie Oskinnis and Helen Esberg, both of New Britain. Besides her husband Russell, she was predeceased by her daughter, Susan Chalner Pajor; and her parents, Donald and Marie Leonard McLagan.

A memorial service will be held Thursday September 21, 2006 10 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church Altar Guild. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family

with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with her family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *It was through Kenneth A. Larson that I came to know Eleanor Forster. She was his Godmother and he often spoke of her, always with great fondness. That bond of friendship between them was a major factor which attracted me to the Episcopal tradition, and to St. Mark's in particular.*

Kenneth C. Decker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ There comes a time to each of us when the death of another individual brings to mind the end of a special period of time in our own life. This feeling often arises when that person has shared many childhood experiences with us. Eleanor McLagan Forster, one of our Connecticut first cousins, was such a person. Together with our cousins in Newington, Berlin and New Britain, she came into frequent contact with Bob Catlin, my twin brother, and me during our growing up period--before we left for college.

Our interaction with all of our cousins was exciting and informative. After all, they were slightly older than "the twins," and could offer advice, which they did! Eleanor lived a little closer to our West Hartford home, and her parents lived in Hartford proper. She was a warm and loving spirit--always generous and considerate. Eleanor was loved by all with whom she came in contact, and she had many friends.

Rebecca, my wife, and I wish to express our sympathy and condolences to her family--the Pajors of Berlin, and to our other first cousins: Helen Esberg and Marie Oskinis, and to Marie's daughter & her family, the Salernis--all of New Britain.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day thy servant Eleanor, We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone on before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. B.C.P.

Francis and Rebecca Catlin

Houston, Texas

fcats@airmail.net

September 15, 2006

Francis I. Catlin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I clearly remember Mrs. Forster from my childhood school days. She was very welcoming. She is one of my very warm, positive memories from elementary school in the 1960's. Please accept my condolences. She was a nice lady.*

Jackie Hooper-Hage - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We wish to express our condolences on the death of our first cousin Eleanor McLagan Forster to her close family - the Pajors of Berlin, to other first cousins - my twin brother Dr. Francis I. Catlin of Houston, TX, Marie Oskinnis and Helen Esberg of New Britain, CT, and to other family - the Salernis, also of New Britain. Eleanor had a warm, loving, and compassionate soul, and was most supportive and considerate of others, especially to our mother Frances Catlin of West Hartford, CT. All of our cousins played and romped together during our growing up period, whether it be in West Hartford, New Britain, Newington, Groton or Martha's Vineyard. Her parents - Aunt Marie and Donald "Uncle Mac" McDonald were equally gracious in their love and friendship. Surely Eleanor is now in her heavenly rest with her parents, her husband Russell, her daughter Susan, and the angels.*

Robert and Winifred Catlin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *We have such fond memories of Eleanor from Willard School. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincere sympathy,
The Bosso family*

carolyn bosso - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear family of Mrs. Forster:

I am filled with memories that go back to the 1960's when my daughter attended Emma Hart Willard School and Mr. Robert E. Chamness was the principal and Mr. Johnson the janitor and because of a very special reason, my daughter had to spend a lot of time in the office and it was there that she got to know Mrs. Forster as she helped with the office work. I have nothing but the best memories of when she would come home and tell me about all the things she helped Mrs. Forster do during the time she spent with her. What a loving, caring person she was as my daughter, being one of Jehovah's witnesses, was in her formative years and taking a stand for her God was not always an easy thing at Willard, but it was when she was with Mrs. Forster, a very kind and loving person. So, cherish her memory and be glad to have had this wonderful person - along with Mr. Chamness - make the road of my daughter one of integrity at Emma Hart Willard School. I am glad that I could share this special memory with you. Thank you. Sophie POMERENKE in behalf of Deanna Pomerence

Sophie Glenn - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Fondest memories of a wonderful Lady!*

Sympathy to Family and Friends.

I enjoyed working with Eleanor for many years at Willard School.

Sorry that I am unable to make it to New Britain today.

Respectfully, Robert E. Chamness

Robert Chamness - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM