



## Elizabeth Carlson

March 20, 1949 - July 22, 2012

Elizabeth "Betsy" Carlson, 63, of New Britain, wife of Kent Carlson, passed away peacefully Sunday July 22, 2012 at Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General. A lifelong New Britain resident, she was daughter of the late Joseph Grant Sr. and Betty Potts Grant. Betsy graduated from New Britain High School in 1967 and received an Associate's Degree from CCSU. She was a licensed funeral director at Carlson Funeral Home for 29 years, retiring in 2009.

Betsy was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain; The New Britain Museum of American Art; the New Britain General Hospital Auxiliary; Welles, Willard, Stanley Chapter DAR; the Connecticut and National Funeral Directors Association; and the former Auxiliary of the New Britain Salvation Army.

Besides her husband Kent, she leaves twin sons, Erik Carlson and his wife Cara of New Britain; and James Carlson and his wife Megan of East Berlin; two daughters, Kimberly McGee and her husband Jamie of Mystic; and Karalyn Carlson of New Britain. She leaves two brothers, Tom Grant Sr. and his wife Lauren of Kensington; and Joseph Grant Jr. of New Britain; She was lovingly known as "Mammy" to her seven grandchildren, Tori, Annelise, Aniela, Madelyn, Nataly, Hugh, and Bryce, while eagerly awaiting her eighth grandchild, Elsa in September; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Kirsten Carlson and a

sister, Patricia Grant.

Funeral services are Wednesday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be private in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. Calling hours are Tuesday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church or to the Sauer Family BirthPlace, c/o New Britain General Hospital, 100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06050. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ Dear Kent and family, our sincere condolences go out to you and your family. We will always remember Betsy with the good times we had down in St Maarten, getting away from the cold, and the UConn women basketball games.

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**Greg Nancy Guisti** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MM

“ Kent and family, we were so saddened to hear of Betsy's passing. She spread so much joy and smiles to all of us. We will cherish all the wonderful memories we have of her and remember her kindness, friendship, and great sense of humor. There are no messages of sympathy or condolences to heal a broken heart, but hopefully the love of those around you help you through the months and years ahead. We look forward to seeing you in St. Maarten.  
Love,  
Mary-Beth & Jim McCormack

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**Mary-Beth & Jim McCormack** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ Dear Kent and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Betsy's death. Thank God for wonderful memories as they will keep her close in all of our hearts. She was a joy to know and a very special gal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Bill and Sue

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**Sue Bresser** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PJ

“ *I'm sorry to have taken so long in getting to you all. Betsy was a kind loving women who will be missed.*

*May your memories bring you peace.*

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**Pat Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RB

“ *Dear Kent,  
I'm so sorry about Betsy. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

*Regina*

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**Regina Cianci Bogdan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

TR

“ *Kim, Eric, James, Loulou*

*Your mom was great. I'll always remember her there at the beach with us when we were kids.*

*Tim*

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**Tim Reluga** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JB

“ *Dear Kent and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Betsy's passing. Our deepest sympathy and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jeanne' and Tim Blair** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

EW

“ Will think of Betsy fondly whenever I sit on the beach or watch for the green light in St Maarten. A truly wonderful lady.

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**Esther Williams** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PB

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. I will pray for you and your family.

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**Paul Baylock** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. Carlson and your two sons.

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**Scott Clark and Family** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SP

“ Carlson Family - our deepest sympathy to all of you. you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories help ease your sorrow.

*Pindar family*

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**Sandy Pindar** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ Kent,  
My condolences to you and your family.

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**Mark Seleman** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MD

“ Dear Erik & Family  
I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May the good Lord comfort you at this time.

You will be in my prayers and and may you feel joy in knowing she has returned to her heavenly father.

Sincerely  
Mike Dangerfield

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**Mike Dangerfield** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

EL

“ The Carlson Family - My deepest condolences on your loss.

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**Erik Larson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ Carlson family. I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Tim told me and I was saddened. Your family has taken such good care of mine and our precious family members and friends that have passed and we will always be eternally grateful. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family during your difficult time.

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**Maisie Shannon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RW

“ Kent,  
My family is so sorry to hear about Betsy. You and your family have been absolutely wonderful to us in caring for our loved ones in our time of loss. Please know that we are thinking of you and my mom Lucille DeLoyis always looking down upon all of you and will always look after Betsy. Please know that you are all in our thoughts, hearts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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**Rita DeLoy Williams** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PA

“ Dear Kent and Family,  
We were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know our thoughts  
and prayers are with you at this time.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Pat and Joan Alix

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**Patrick and Joan Alix** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

FC

“ Dear Kent, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of you wife. Your  
family is in our thoughts and prayers. Always, Bunny

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**Florence Ciarcia** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SC

“ Kent and Family

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We were deeply  
saddened to hear of Betsy's passing. She was a very generous and  
caring person. There wasn't anything she would not do for her  
family and friends. They all were important to her and she loved  
them dearly. We will miss her greatly!*

*Love Sue and Bill*

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**Sue and Bill Campbell** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KD

“ Kent & family, Jeffrey just emailed me the sad news of Betsy's  
passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I was on Kenwood last week for  
a few days and almost stopped by to say "Hello". Now I'm sorry that  
I missed the opportunity. You're in my prayers, Karen

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**Karen Mankowski Downes** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PR

*“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS ELIZABETH.I WANTED TO COME BUT I JUST HAD A TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT AND CAN NOT WALK MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTA ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THIS SAD TIME I AM GLAD I GOT TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY FROM GEORGE KUMM. ALL MY BEST PATRICIA ROBINSON*

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**patricia robinson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DC

*“ Kent & family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss.*

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**Don & Sallie Caliandri** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RP

*“ Dear Kent and family, My deepest prayers for you all. God has given the gift of life and how we live that life is our gift to God. Betsy is truly a gift to many.She will be missed but has left each of you with many memories.I am thankful for getting to know her even so briefly.  
I am currently out of state but please know I included your family in my morning prayers. God Bless you all  
Rev. Mark*

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**Rev. Mark Pilletere** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KR

“ *The Carlson Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers today, even though we haven't met. Your family has been so kind to my daughter, Hanna, I appreciate you all for that. You are obviously a loving family and I am sure your wife/mother will be greatly missed. I pray you find some comfort during this difficult time.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Krista Lehoullier*

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**Krista Riendeau-Lehoullier** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

EL

“ *Dear Karalyn,*  
  
*I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Your mother must have been very proud of you. I want to offer my condolences to you and to your entire family.*  
  
*Sincerely,*  
  
*Eric Lanzieri*  
*Lincoln College of New England*

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**Eric Lanzieri** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MA

“ *You all have provided so much comfort to my family and others, I wish the same comforts for all of you.*  
*My deepest sympathy.*

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**Maureen Anderson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

BR

“ We were saddened to learn of your profound loss and extend our deepest sympathies. May the love of God and strength of family provide comfort in your time of grief.

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**Bob & Bev Rackliffe** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Kent,

*My sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss. I'm so sorry that I could not make the service for your wife.*

*The Carlson family will always be special to me and my family.*

*Sincerely,*

*George Kanupka*

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**George Kanupka** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Kent and family,

*We are sorry for your loss and certain that the Lord will comfort you with a future reunion in Heaven. Thank you for your family's faithful service to all those who are bereaved.*

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**Bill & Ellie Bechter** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Kent& Family:

*We are deeply sorry to read of Betsy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the difficult days ahead. Sincerely,  
Wally and Susan Anderson.*

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**Susan and Walter Anderson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dear Kent & family,  
We were saddened to hear of Betsy's passing. She was such a lovely, caring person. We always think of the two of you as the nicest friends we made in CFDA and NFDA. We will never forget that trip the four of us took from Salt Lake City to Laughlin, Nevada! She was a special person and you were lucky to have her even though her time was short. We wish we could be there in person but have a family obligation. Cindi also expresses her sympathy and we will be making a donation in Betsy's memory. God bless.

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**Pat & Ray Pistey** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sorry for your loss. To the Carlson family you have my prayers and thoughts as you go through this sad time.

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**Marian Peters** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ So sorry for your loss. What a lovely lady. UCONN will miss a most avid fan.

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**Betsy Lewis Keller** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ Dear Carlson Family,  
I was very sad to hear of Betsy's passing. She was always a lovely person and a terrific friend to my parents. Our best wishes to you and to your family from Steven, Christina and Ana Zausner.

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**Christina Zausner** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dearest Kent and Carlson Family,

*Our deepest sympathies go to you and your family. You have always been their in our time of need for our family. We are saddened that you must go through this. We extend our love and prayers to you. Betsy was a wonderful loving person. May the memories of a great mom and loving wife be with you and comfort you. May God Bless her soul and may she rest in peace.*

*With all our love,  
Shamasha Bob and Nina Baba,  
Bella and David Lanza*

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**Arbella Baba-Lanza** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To the Carlson Family, I am sadden with the passing of Betsy. I may not of know her very long but she has touched my heart.My thoughts and prayers to all and remember you now have an Angel to watch over you. R.I.P my friend..

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**Barbara LaMarr** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Kent, my deepest condolences go out to you, Erik, James and the rest of your family.

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**Michael Haughey** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Im so very sorry for your families loss.  
What a nice person Betsy was!  
I will have your family in my prayer's.  
John Creteau

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**John** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ The the entire Carlson family: I am so sorry to hear of your wife/mother's passing. You were all so good to us when my Mother recently passed and I will never forget your generosity. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. God Bless!

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**Debbie Giantonio** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Kent:  
My condolences to you and your family We will keep you all in our prayers.

*Jim O'Boyle*

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**Jim O'Boyle** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a lovely woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Christian Watson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you, Kent, and family.

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**Tim and Marge Dolby** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Dear Kent, Erik, James, Kim and Karalyn,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Betsy was a very beautiful, kind and fun lady. She had the best smile and I can hear her laugh as I write this note.  
We are thinking of each of you and your family and our prayers are with you.  
Sincerely,  
Bob and Deb Volz

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**Deb & Bob Volz** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

UD

“ Dear Kent, Karolyn, Eric and Family,  
We were so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We will never forget your help and comforting presence when our mother died.  
May you find peace and may your memories reflect all the love you have known.  
With sympathy, Ulf and Maryann Dolling

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**Ulf and Maryann Dolling** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Kent and the Carlson family,  
  
I'm so sorry to hear about Betsy - your family was such a source of comfort when we lost our mother, Eunice. Betsy was so loving and kind throughout our grieving process. I will always be indebted to her for her support and am thinking of you all during this difficult time.  
  
Jeannie Logozzo

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**Jeannie Logozzo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kent, So sorry to hear of your loss-What a great lady. We have many wonderful memories of the both of you. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family

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**Jim and Chris Mockler** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ My dear friend for most of our lives, I will forever remember Betsy's sense of humor and her signature laugh. God bless her.

*...love and sympathy to the Carlson and Grant families.*

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**Pixie Kloiber** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Kent and family,  
Please know that I am thinking of you all at this time of loss. I am so sorry Kent. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**ERIC ANNIS** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ To the Carlson Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss and my thoughts are with you. I have many fond memories of my earlier years at the beach - I hope those days are fresh in your mind as well.

Love,  
Terry

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**Terry Logozzo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Kent:

*May God bless you and your family in your time of grief.*

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**Tom Green** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Kent & Family,  
*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Betsy was a wonderful lady and I'll always remember the good times together traveling to conventions. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*John, Milly & Family*

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**John Zaleski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *On behalf of the Friendship Center, and personally, I would like to send sincere and heartfelt condolences to Kent and the whole Carlson family. Betsy was special and on many occasions provided special assistance to the Friendship Center as we were dealing with the deaths of clients and residents. I will carry you close to my heart as you traverse the difficult weeks and months ahead.*

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**Ellen Perkins Simpson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Hope that these words comfort you on the loss of your mother. I will always remember her sweet smile and beautiful nature. May God keep you in his embrace at this difficult time*

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**James & Sarah Jones** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *To Kent and his Family*

*We extend our deepest sympathies on the death of your wife/mother. She was such a lovely person.*

*Al and Joan Gagliardi*

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**Alfred and Joan Gagliardi** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Dear Kent,  
So sorry to hear about Betsy, Sue and I always enjoyed seeing her and speaking with her at the association events and the conventions. Her struggle is over now, may you and your family be at peace.*

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**Richard Holmes** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear Kent and family;*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

*Marc and Pat Bordiere*

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**Patricia Bordiere** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Kent & Family - My condolences to your entire clan. Betsy was a class act and a good soul. I am truly sorry for all of you!*

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**Jay Anthony** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ So very sorry for your loss. My thought and prayers are with you all.

Kristen Gavin Barbieri - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Kent and family, words can't express our deep feelings toward you all at this sad time. You are in our prayers.

Bill and Aggie Hively - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Kent, and family

*I was so very sorry to hear Elizabeth's passing.  
She was such a sweet, kind lady who helped ease the pain during  
our time of loss.  
May God grant you peace in the coming days.*

Donna Ward - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am thinking of the entire Carlson family as I extend my sincere sympathy for Betsy's passing. I remember the wonderful times at the CFDA & NFDA conventions we attended years ago. Betsy was always fun to be with and I will treasure those moments.

Sharon L. Frigon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Kent and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss of Betsy*

Gail Gordens Hertz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy. Marcie Jones The Herald*

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**Marcie Jones** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Dear Kent & Family,*

*So sorry to hear about your wife/mom  
I met her acouple of times when I was there for other Funerals. It  
must be hard when you loss your wife and there have to prepare the  
funeral etc. and your own Funeral home. My prayers are with you.  
I've known you for awhile when our Church-bethany covenant used  
to be next door. peace be to you and your family.  
cheryl peterson*

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**cheryl peterson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Kent & Family, We are so sorry to hear about Betsy. Our thoughts  
are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Eric & Jill Wisniewski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *To Kent, Eric and James,*

*We extend our deepest condolences and empathy on the loss of  
your wife, mother and grandmother. Our prayers and thoughts are  
with your family during your hour of bereavement.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Paul A. Shaker, Jr.*

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**Paul A. Shaker, Jr., Barbara Spada-Shaker and the Paul A. Shaker Funeral  
Home Staff** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Erik,

*I am so sorry about the the passing of your mother. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.*

*Rita Pierce  
Customer Service*

*ArmorShield USA LLC*

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**Rita Pierce** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *To The Carlson Family:*

*We are deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Carrie and Dan McKennie*

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**Carrie McKennie** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *My sincerest sympathies go out to you and your family Kent and all who were blessed to have known your wonderful Betsy. May the peace Betsy so richly deserved and is now experiencing carry you all through the days to come ... and your memories of wonderful times with her bring smiles to your hearts through the years.*

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**Cheryl Blogoslowski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *My heart is broken, what an incredibly special lady she was. A smile that could light up a room. We consider ourselves blessed to have known her. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love Barb and Ed*

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**Barbara and Ed Rudnick** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Dear Kent and Family, our prayers are with you all with the loss of your wonderful wife and mother, Betsy. She was a great friend too.  
Love Linda and Ed.*

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**Linda & Ed Kozlenkol** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Dearest Kent & Family - My prayers are with you all at this heartbreaking time. Treasure your memories, and may God Bless, Keep, and Guide you through your sorrow.*

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**Helena Berlin** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Dear Kent and family,  
I was saddened to read about Betsy's death. My sympathy to you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
Audrey Schulde  
Jerome Home*

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**Audrey Schulde** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Kent,  
*I was so very sorry to hear of Betsy's passing. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this very difficult time.*

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**Lin & Pete Verselli** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Betsy was a special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Marie Zielinski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *My prayers are with you all during this time and my sincere condolences for your loss.*

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**Scott Jefferson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *With deepest sympathy, Rose & David Weed formerly of Madison Street*

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**Rose & David Weed** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Kent, Eric, James, and family  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Barbara and Harold*

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**Barbara Fortin and Harold Ellington** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Kent and Family - We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and mother, Betsy. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this most difficult time.

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**Joe and Donna Barbieri** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.

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**Jim Barbieri** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our hearts and love go out to all of you. I will miss her so much!  
Love Ken

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**Kenneth Pescatello & family** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Kent and Family:  
I am so sorry at the loss of Betsy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very, very, sad time.  
Eileen Buys

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**Eileen Buys** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Kent and family, our deepest sympathy for your loss of Betsy.

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**Pam Schubert and Jeff Soneson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Very sorry for your loss, can not begin to imagine. Sincere condolences, with love

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

PB

“ *To The Carlson Family:  
Kent, Eric,James,Karolyn  
Our deepest sympathy to the entire family in the loss of your  
Wife,Mother & Mammy,Betsy was a beautiful woman,Our thoughts  
and prayers are with you all.May all the wonderful memories be with  
you.  
Pete & Bette*

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**Pete & Bette Boucher** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *My Sincere Sympathy to the Carlson family. Betsy will leave so  
many memories and Love in you hearts.our kids were in school  
together as they grew up and she was always a joy to be  
around.she raised wonderful children and always a proud Mom and  
grandma. with love Sharron*

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**Sharron Amenta lancato** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM