



Elsie Jugo Kingsbury

June 7, 1923 - December 12, 2012

Elsie Jugo Kingsbury, 89, of Berlin passed away on Wednesday, December 12th after a brief illness. She was the widow of Warren Elliott Kingsbury. Born in Hartford, the daughter of Elsie Duhain and Ralph Jugo, she grew up in New Britain, lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina for two years for her father's business with Landers, Frary and Clark, then returned to graduate from New Britain High School in 1941. She graduated from Edgewood Park Junior College in Briarcliff, NY with an Associates Degree in Merchandising. She married her high school sweetheart in 1944. Together they had five children and lived in New Britain and Berlin until North and Judd transferred the family to the Philadelphia and New York City offices. They returned to Berlin in 1962 where her life revolved around her large family, her many great friends and her community. She loved to cook for her family, 362 days a year.

During the War Elsie worked at Fafnir Bearing and Stanley Works. When the kids were grown, she worked many enjoyable years at the New Britain Herald as a proofreader and at the Hartford Courant as the Berlin Correspondent. Her volunteer community activities included the Berlin Girl Scouts, the New Britain General Hospital Auxiliary and the New Britain Museum of Art. She served as President and board member of the New Britain Art League, was a Board member of the Sheldon Child Guidance Clinic and President of the Berlin Garden Club. One summer she led a school cultural enrichment program for St. Paul's Church.

Elsie studied painting under Carl Henry from 1976 to 1996 at the Art League

of New Britain, and at the Wesleyan Potters and the West Hartford Art League. She eagerly tutored friends and family in painting. Her passion for books led her to volunteer at the Berlin Libraries. She enjoyed dinners with the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Berlin, playing bridge with friends, traveling, collecting and trading postcards and creating many interesting scrapbooks full of news, culture and photos.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband Warren Kingsbury, a daughter Phyllis Kingsbury, and her siblings Henrietta Judd, Phyllis Humphrey, Clovis Jugo, her brother-in-law Howard Humphrey and sister-in-law Jessica Kennedy Jugo. She leaves three daughters, Diane Mrs. Randy Pulito of Naples, Florida, Leslie Kingsbury Married to Leslie Strong of Ajijic, Mexico, and Marie Mrs. Patrick Martin of Ft. Myers, Florida as well as her son Warren Jeffrey Kingsbury of Windsor Locks, CT.. Her grandchildren are Kenneth and Amy Catlin of Plantsville, CT, Warren and Julie Catlin of Sarasota, FL, Darren and Jean Pulito of Moorestown, NJ, Allison and Jonathan Lubert of Haverford, PA, Joseph and Lauren Martin of Barrington. NH, Daniel Martin of Pittsburgh, PA, James Jeffrey Kingsbury and Christopher Kingsbury of Berlin and their mother Wendy Kingsbury, Kristin and Reese Tingey of Coventry and David and Cristina Strong of St. Louis. The great grandchildren are Ryan and Lindsey Catlin, Jack and Brooks Pulito, Keeley and Andersen Martin, Chase Lubert, Connor and Kayla Tingey and Olivia and Angelica Strong. Her nieces and nephews, and their children are Randall, Beth and Emily Judd, Margery, Lee and Elizabeth Chase, Patty, Bob and Katie Bessey, Peter, Laurie, Priscilla, Amy and Sue Humphrey, Ralph Jugo, Laura Taylor, Celeste Oliver, and several great-grand nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the warm, caring and talented caregivers from Companions and Homemakers .

Calling hours are Sunday December 16 from 4 to 7pm at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, and a service celebrating her life will be at the Kensington Congregational Church, 312 Percival Avenue, Kensington on Monday at 11am. In memory, contributions may be made to the

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St, New Britain, CT 06051 or the New Britain Industrial Museum, 185 Main St, New Britain, CT 06051, and/or do something nice for your family as Elsie would. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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“ *Elsie was a true patron of the arts and profound voice in support of local history. Her devotion to the arts was carried on for many years by her daughter, Leslie, whose efforts brought Santa Claus to so many facilities throughout the northeast for many years.* ”

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