



Florence Soderman Carlson-Johnson

February 7, 1918 - December 14, 2003

Florence Soderman Carlson-Johnson, 85, of New Britain, died Sunday December 14, 2003 at New Britain General Hospital. She was the widow of Ernest W. Carlson, who died in 1972 and was also predeceased by her second husband Arnold E. Johnson in 1993. Born in West Haven, daughter of the late Gustave and Anna Soderman, she was a former New Britain resident, lived in Kensington from 1958 to 1986, lived in Southington for 13 years, recently moving back to New Britain. A graduate of West Haven High School in 1936, she was former vice president of the Carlson Funeral Home in New Britain. Active in numerous community organizations, she was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain, the Altar Guild and Priscilla Unit of the church; was a former member and chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Britain Federal Savings Bank. Florence was former secretary of the New Britain YWCA Board of Directors; was a former director of the Berlin-Kensington YMCA and a Corporator of the New Britain YMCA. She was a member of the Vega Benefit Society; Tegner-Valkyrian Lodge, Order of Vasa; Martha Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and was a former member of the Swedish Junior League; the Kensington Garden Club; and the New Britain YWCA Y-Wives.

Surviving is a son, Kent Carlson and his wife Betsy of New Britain and their family, Kimberly McGee and her husband Jamie; Kirsten Carlson; Erik Carlson and his wife Cara; James Carlson and his companion Megan Vitelli; Karalyn Carlson and a great granddaughter, Victoria "Tori" Brennan; a daughter,

Kristina Fletcher and her husband Dr. Bruce Fletcher of New Britain and their children, Andrew Fletcher and Sarah Fletcher. She also leaves stepchildren, Kurt Johnson and his wife Jane of Southington, and Marc Johnson and his wife Holly of South China, Maine; two nephews, Gary Larson and Peter Soderman; and two cousins in Sweden. Besides her husbands, Florence was predeceased by a brother and sister-in-law, William and Virginia Soderman; and by a niece, Susan Sandrock.

Funeral services are Wednesday 1:30 PM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow 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, memorial donations may be made to First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory of Florence with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on "sign memorial guestbook" at the top or bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

NM

“ My family has such very fond memories of Florence. She was a lovely woman and we were fortunate to have her marry into our family. She came to our children's weddings and entertained us at family picnics at the house in Southington. She was a good and long time friend to my aunts and mother. She was a gracious lady who will be missed by all. It was a privilege to know her. John and Nancy McMurray

Nancy McMurray - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Kris and family,
I was so sorry to learn of your Mothers passing. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Diane Kellam-Woods - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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BJ

“ DEAR BRO. KENT, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF YOUR MOTHER. PLEASE PASS ON MY CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY.
GOD BLESS.
FRATERNALLY, BILL BONNEY, JR.

BILL BONNEY, JR. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ To Kris and Kent: I was very sorry to read of the death of your mother. Please accept my sincere condolences. I always liked your mother. She was a class person. My contact with her, as you know, was via your Aunt Vickie. Maintaining a stable relationship with your aunt was a challenge at times, I am virtually certain. But your mother always remained calm, warm and above any pettiness. I always admired and respected her for that. God bless her.
Sincerely, Harold

Harold Buckingham - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ KENT- I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM,PLEASE KNOW THAT I AM THINKING OF YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME---TAKE CARE.

ERIC

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

BK

“ Kent,

I hope someone is administering to your needs the way you did when we lost our Mom and Dad. Our sincere sympathies to you and your family.

Bob Kraut

Bob Kraut - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Kent & family
Our sympathy to you and all of the family. It sounds like you will
have a hard time keeping the funeral home "clean" to your mother's
standards.*

Susan & Grover Tasker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Sincere condolences to WB Kent and his family*

Bro. Steve goodwin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, Kim, Kirsten, James, Erik and Karalyn, I was
so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother and grandmother. My
sympathies are with you all. Much love, Lizzie*

Lizzie Reluga - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *My condolences, peace, and comfort, for you and your families.
This always makes Christmas such an ambiguous holiday.*

Tim Reluga - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Kent;
With deepest sympathy to you and your family in this time of sorrow*

Adolf & Dorothy Drachenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Kent and Family,
May I extend to you my sincere sympathy. What a beautiful Lady Flo was. Her presence at all family gatherings lighten up each and everyone of us. Her smile, compassion for all, will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Marian Johnson Pinches

Marian Johnson Pinches - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Carlson and Flectcher families for the loss of Florence. She was a warm and wonderful lady, who always had a smile and a nice word for everyone. Regrets that we were not able to come to the wake or funeral due to illness. May God bless all and remember the good times, she ordeal is over.

Tom & Sandy Abucewicz and family

Thomas & Sandra Abucewicz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Although I never knew Florence well, I know she was a great friend to my grandmother Ruby, and great-aunt Mildred.

Brian & Olivia Anderson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ we'll visit with Flo each time we visit with my Mom and Dad, Marjorie and Alvar Johnson, at their resting place in Kensington. How fortunate we were to have known her.

George & Sallie Pollard - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *May your memories sustain you. She was a dear kind women who will be missed. I'll always remember her kind smile and quick wit.*

Please know you are all in my prayers.

Pat Johnson

Pat Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *It is not easy being an FD at a time like this. We known,she will have the best ,as,she has given to you the best. Thinking of you.*
Connie and Charlie Roderick

Charlie and Connie Roderick - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Kent,*
We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. May your happiest memories of her get you and your family through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Tim & Marge

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

MC

“ Dear Kent and Family - I know and you know as well, that there are no words to help at times like this, however we want you to know how sorry we were to read of your beloved mother's passing, may she forever rest in peace in God's hands. We are truly sorry for your loss, particularly at this time of year - but this year she is spending Christmas with God and your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless You and your family, you've always provided so much peace and grace to so many families, including ours, I am certain your mom is so proud of you! Sincerely yours, Stephen and Marion Carey and Family.

Marion/Stephen Carey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ very sorry to about your mom memories are wonderful and we are sure you have many of them whenever we met your mom she always had a smile for us she especially was fond of Joe have known her & your dad a long time.

joe & doris aiudi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Kent & Betsy & family
Please accept our most sincere sympathies on the death of your Mother. It's always hard for us to experience first hand, what those we serve do every day.
Hervey & family

Hervey, Sherry, Steve & Katie - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ We will always have fond memories of Flo and we offer our condolences to her family and many other friends. I'm sure she's already gotten together with my mom, Ruby and aunts Mildred and Gunhild.

Tom and Carol Anderson

Tom and Carol Anderson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Florence was one of the kindest, sweetest ladies I have ever known. She was a great friend to my mother, Ruby Anderson and my aunt, Mildred Johnson even before she married my uncle, Arnold Johnson. She was always interested in whatever anyone had to tell her. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a sunny, cheerful outlook on life. She will always have a warm place in our hearts.

Judy and Bob Centurelli - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Kent,
Christmas is such a difficult time to lose a loved one - especially your mom. Please accept my heart felt sympathies to you and your family.

Joe Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Kent, Betsy & Family,*
Our deepest sympathy on the death of your mom Kent. There is no one like a mom. We are sure that your memories will be fond and many. Remember those happy times--they will help to sustain you. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
Love & God Bless,
Joe & Linda

Linda & Joe Cimadon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ *I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. SHE WAS A VERY KIND PERSON. I REMEMBER HELPING OUT WITH CHORES AROUND HER HOUSE AND SHE TREATED ME AS IF I WAS PART OF THE FAMILY. AGAIN, I AM SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR UNFORTUNATE LOSS.*

FRANK NAPOLITANO - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM