



Helen Buraczynski Perniciaro

April 14, 1930 - March 23, 2016

Helen Perniciaro, 85, born on April 14, 1930, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 23 2016. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas R. Perniciaro. Born in New Britain, CT., she was the daughter of Anthony and Mary Bastek Buraczynski. She was predeceased by her brother Joseph Panus and sister Lucy Orzechowski.

Upon her graduation from New Britain High School in 1948, Helen pursued her goal to become a nurse. A staunch advocate for those she cared for, Helen worked in hospitals in New Britain and Hartford, retiring from her nursing career from Plainville Convalescent Home. Additionally, Helen owned and operated, with her husband, All Seasons Spirit Shoppes in New Britain and Plainville. Helen was a past president of the Soroptomist Club of New Britain.

"Gigi" as she was affectionately called by her family loved cooking and baking for her family and friends, and was known for her spectacular pies. Helen was a member of First Lutheran Church of the Reformation where she enjoyed singing in the choir and being a member of the church council.

Helen had a passion for traveling and forging friendships with people worldwide. Her trips took her to Austria, Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, the South Pacific and

Taiwan. She found great enjoyment as a member of the U. S. Friendship Force, as a "friendship ambassador" hosting many international visitors in her home.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she is survived by son Robert G. Perniciaro and his wife Annette; daughters June O'Leary and her husband Robert, Nancy Giannini and her husband John; as well as her eight beloved grandchildren Gwen Hyde and her husband Tom, Robert T. Perniciaro and fiancée Helena Tabachny, Douglas O'Leary and fiancée Sari Jacob, Katie O'Leary, Eileen O'Leary, Gabriel Giannini, John Giannini Jr., Alixandria Giannini; and two great grandchildren Madison Hyde and Lindsay Hyde and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Residences, Inc. c/o Robert Kalinowski, 50 Rockwell Road, Newington, CT 06111, in honor of her beloved grandson, Gabriel Giannini, who held a very special place in her heart.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

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FO

“ *Dear Bob
We were so sorry to read about your Mom's passing. We have very nice memories of her. She was a lovely woman. Our thoughts and prayers to you and the family*

Fred and Karen Ortola - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My heart is filled with sadness over this news. Helen & I had great times together shopping and cooking and having lunch with all the ladies. I will remember her and her wonderful family always. Not only did Helen look like my own mom, I grew to love her like my mom. I will miss her dearly! Thank you June and Nancy for entrusting her care to me. I will cherish her memory always. I send my love and condolences to all of you.*

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

KJ

“ *Barry and I are very saddened by the passing of your beautiful mother, Helen. Our deepest condolences to the entire Perniciaro/O'Leary family. May her memory always bring smiles to your faces. Love -Karen and Barry*

Karen and Barry Jacob - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

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PS

“*Dear Nancy, John and family, Our deepest and heartfelt condolences upon Mrs. Perniciaro's passing. May you find comfort in cherishing the many fond memories of your mother. Love, Paul and Barbara Spada Shaker*

Paul and Barbara Shaker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We are very sorry to hear about Helen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Her smile and affectionate manner will forever remain in our hearts.
Love, Peter, Anne-Marie & Jeffrey

Anne-Marie Fallis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ At this difficult time, I am deeply saddened by Helen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Please accept my friendship, sympathy, and heartfelt condolences. I have known Helen for many years and have many cherished memories: she was a friend to my mother in the old neighborhood, she was my boss at All Season's, and she always treated me as a member of her family, for which I am very grateful, to be a part. I admired several of her qualities: for one thing, you always knew where you stood with Helen; She was a tough minded business woman long before it was fashionable; Helen, along with her late husband Tom, were excellent examples of what it takes to have a long term loving relationship; but Helen's most striking quality was her big heart. She always believed in helping anyone who really needed a hand up. She really knew how to love and spread love around.
Her presence will be greatly missed at all the family gatherings. But our fond memories of her, will keep her with us, and comfort us.
With deep heartfelt sympathy,
Tom Orvis

Thomas Orvis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Nancy, I'm so sorry about your Mom

Kim Ouellette Dupuis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM