



Helen Wolek

June 27, 2004

Helen Wolek, of New Britain, died Sunday June 27, 2004 at New Britain General Hospital after a short illness. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Michael “Wowk” and Telka Spyrka Wolek, she attended local schools. Helen was employed at Mohican Market in New Britain, American Hosiery in New Britain, and then Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Southington and East Hartford as a Computer Programmer for about 30 years until her retirement in 1969. Helen was a lifelong member of St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain; a member of the Ladies Guild at the church; a member of the New Britain Boys and Girls Club; and the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Retirees Group. Helen was highly artistic and an accomplished needlewoman, she produced beautiful work in knitting, crocheting, tatting, needlework, crewel work and counted cross stitch Ukrainian embroidery. She was skilled in the art of Ukrainian pysanky making, demonstrating and teaching this not only in her church but for various groups in the Greater New Britain area. She loved to bake and enjoyed treating her family to fantastic cookies and apple squares. Surviving is a Sister-in-law, Sally Wollack of Hartford; four nieces, Cynthia Sirick and her husband John of Newington, Kathleen Tarro and her husband Rick of New Britain, Pamela Cooke and her fiance Greg Duffek of Petersburg, VA, and Melanie Moran and her husband Michael of Colonial Heights, VA; five grandnieces, Melissa Sirick and Sarah Bailly and her husband John both of Newington, and Michelle, Megan, and Mallory Moran all of VA; three grandnephews, Dewey Cooke and his wife Stacey, Brian Cooke and Kevin

Cooke, all of VA; three great grandnephews, Brent, Austin, and Justin Cooke also of VA; Helen was also anticipating with great joy, the birth of a new great grandniece or nephew in July and will be stretching out her arms to enfold Baby Bailly with her love. She was predeceased by two sisters, Josephine Zemantic and her husband Jacob, and Mary Hamilla and her husband John; six brothers, Joseph Wolek, Anthony Wallack and his wife Mary, Michael Wolek and his wife Elizabeth, John Wallack and his wife Anna, Andrew Wallack and his wife Betty.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday 10 AM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, followed by burial in St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Tuesday TONIGHT 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, with a Panakhyda service taking place at 6:30 PM. A calling hour will also be held Wednesday morning, 9:30 AM at the church until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Elevator Fund or to Bundles for Ukraine, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Helen's family wishes to extend a special thanks to the entire staff of N3 at New Britain General Hospital for their kindness and sympathetic care over the last two weeks. Please share a memory of Helen with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on "Guestbook" at the bottom of the page.

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“ I met Helen when I first got into programming at Pratt & Whitney. I was sent to Data Processing to find out why "those women" were slow in getting the shops programs into production. The "women" were Helen and her good friend Bernice. After a while, I realized that the shop kept changing the program requirements causing the delay. I became very good friends with Helen and she would create her Pasanky egg decoration before work. I would sit beside her marveling at her artistic work. She gave me several of her creations and we display them on special occasions. Several times a year she would bring in cookies she made for her co-workers. There was one that was very delicate, covered with powdered sugar that I particularly liked. We have kept in touch by Christmas cards all these years. I will miss her.

Earl Smallshaw - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM