



Helene (Rinas) Groman

January 7, 1925 - December 27, 2016

Helene "Laney" (Rinas) Groman, 91, of New Britain, passed away Tuesday (December 27, 2016) at Cassena Care in New Britain. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Robert "Bob" Groman, her daughter, Glenda VanBarneveld Binkhuysen and her brother, Dr. Robert Rinas. Born in New Britain January 7, 1925, she attended St. Matthews Lutheran Day School, was a New Britain High School 1942 graduate and also attended Morse Business School. Helene assisted her husband in his electrical business, Bob Groman Electric for 34 years. A very active member of her congregation, St. Matthews Lutheran Church on Franklin Square, she was the first woman officer there and its initial Finance Board Chairman. She served as Secretary of that congregation as well as Secretary of the CPOA (Citizen's Property Owners Association) for almost three decades. Helene was an officer in her church's Ladies Aid Society, the Mr. & Mrs. Club and the Fellowship Club. An ardent pro-lifer, she served as a Director on the Boards of Connecticut Right to Life Association and Lutherans For Life. Never hesitant to speak her mind, she testified on numerous subjects at the State Capitol and at Common Council and other local meetings. A capable writer, her scrap book holds clippings of more than one hundred Opinion Letters to our local newspapers as well as numerous news articles.

Helene is survived by her loving son, Robert Scott Groman of New Britain and her grandson, Paul Binkhuysen Groman and his fiancée Erica Rustic of Bristol,

whom was adopted by the Gromans at the age of one after the demise of his parents in Amsterdam, Holland. She also has two other dear grandchildren, Eric Scott Groman of New Britain and Jennifer Lynn Groman of Killingly.

Funeral services are Tuesday (January 3, 2017) 10 AM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday 4 to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
99 Franklin Squre
New Britain, CT 06051

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Will always remember you from St. Matthews.

Janet Moscati (Drachenberg)

Janet L Moscati - March 16, 2017 at 09:11 PM

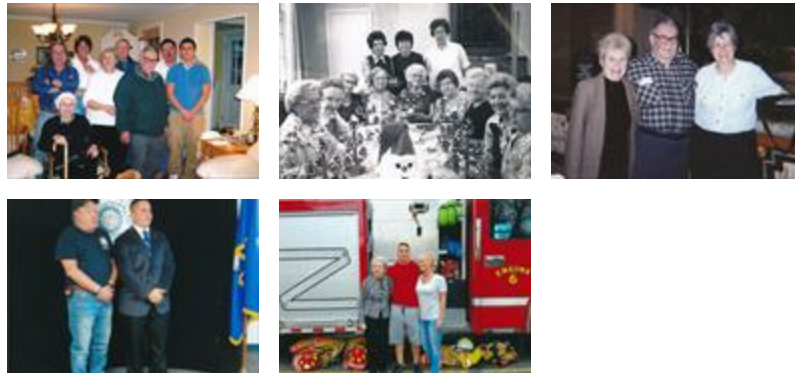
SD

“ My deepest sympathies to Paul and the family. It's a wonderful tribute to Mrs. Groman's parenting to have raised such a fine young man. I'm sure she's smiling and proud and can be at peace knowing the son she raised grew to be an outstanding person.

Steve Debish - January 02, 2017 at 11:17 PM



“ 109 files added to the album Memorial Photo Tribute



Carlson Funeral Home- New Britain - December 30, 2016 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ I will miss your strength and intellect Helene.
You were iconic in my book.

*Mark Hoffman
New Britain*

Mark Hoffman - December 29, 2016 at 07:42 PM

CS

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Helene. The Schaffer family has so many fond memories of times shared with the Gromans at their cottage, parties at their home, picnics at Hurd Park, St. Matthew's baseball games, fun times at Paster Sonstrom's cottage and St. Matthew's church and school. I believe just about the entire gang is up in heaven now celebrating yet another member to join them. As they use to sing at their many parties...Hail, hail the gang's all here! She was one of the best and will be surely missed.

Claudia Concannon and Jeff Schaffer - December 29, 2016 at 08:37 AM


LN

“ Laura Niewinski lit a candle in memory of
Helene (Rinas) Groman



Laura Niewinski - December 29, 2016 at 06:43 AM

LN

*Scott, Paul, Eric, Jenn
So Very Sorry about your Mother and Grandmother! May all the good
times with your Mom and Grandmother bring a big smile to your face!!
So Sorry!!* 

Laura Niewinski - December 29, 2016 at 06:46 AM

MB

Dear family,

I met your mom and dad at St Matthews, they were friends of my late husband Kurt Bilo. They all went to St. Matt's day school and talked about teacher Klopf. Your mom was a brave cancer survivor. She was always upbeat.

Peace be with you all, Martha Bilo

martha bilo - December 29, 2016 at 10:46 AM

JC

Scott, Eric, Jenny and Paul.

So sorry for your loss, she was a great lady.

June Cameron

June Cameron - December 30, 2016 at 08:33 AM