



## Jeannette (Audet) Barger

September 14, 1934 - November 21, 2017

Jeannette (Audet) Barger, 85, of New Britain passed on to her eternal rest on November, 21, 2017 with her loving family at her side. Jeannette was born in Waterville, Maine to Edgar and Simone Audet. She was the loving wife of Lowell H Barger Sr. for 54 years, who died in 2006, and was also predeceased by a son, Lowell Barger Jr. in 2007.

Jeannette was a very outgoing woman whose faith in God was first priority. She always working in God's name. For years she worked at St Joseph's church in New Britain at the rectory and convent. She taught religious education at St John the Evangelist Church in New Britain for 35 years and was also the programs director. Jeannette was a eucharistic minister and also office manager for many years. She received many awards for her dedication to her church. St John the Evangelist was her second home and she had her hands in a lot of goings-on from pasta dinners, breakfast after mass on Palm Sunday, card parties, Women's Guild, bingo, food drives and other events which together with her other parishioners raised money for the other charitable programs. She loved every minute of her service in God's name. Jeannette had a great friend in Father Ronald Smith, she admired and loved him for all the hard work and guidance he gave to so many in God's service. She often spoke of him being her spiritual guidance and dear friend. Jeannette was always there to lend a helping hand or just give the greatest hugs.

At Apple Rehab in Cromwell, where she resided for the past 14 months,

Jeannette was a goodwill ambassador. All of the nurses, aides, staff and residences just loved her and she loved them. There was never a time when she wasn't teaching the rosary, giving hugs, or singing songs. She had a very special friend in her roommate Shirley Miller, who she called little sister.

Jeannette was just as loving in her home life which shows in the love returned to her by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Besides her husband, son, and parents, Jeannette was predeceased by her, three brothers Ludger Audet, Rev. Joseph Audet MSF and Rev. Arthur Audet; two sisters, Lorraine Hammerschmidt and Mary Audet; four brothers-in-law Emile Libby, George Barger, Lloyd Barger and Ben Iyall; two sisters-in-law Teresa Barger and Lois Iyall.

Jeannette is survived by her daughter, Debra Nadeau and her husband Norman; her son, Robert Barger and his wife Wendy; her daughter Margaret Ziegenhagen and her husband Michael. She also leaves her sister Carmen Libby, brother-in-law Louis Hammerschmidt and her sister-in-law Wynell; her widowed daughter-in-law Susan Barger and her husband Dave Roberts.

Jeannette was blessed with her 12 grandchildren and their spouses. Michelle Nadeau and Edward Berger, Norman Nadeau and Shelby, Christopher Nadeau and Tricia. Michael Ziegenhagen Jr and Hillary, Brian Ziegenhagen and Kelly Bristol, Katie Adams and Alex Lowell Barger III and his fiancée Kerry Dadabbo, Alicia Barger, Hannah Barger and Leland Barger, and Robert and Eric Washenko. Jeannette was double blessed with 14 great grandchildren Ryan Dionne and fiancée Courtney Christine, Nicole Dionne and partner Daniel Parks, Collin Nadeau, Wyatt Nadeau, Julia Farrand, Jillian Farrand, Cole Nadeau, Peyton Nadeau, Trey Dadabbo-Barger, Noah Lee Barger, Samuel Bristol, Dean Bristol, Wyatt Ziegenhagen and baby Lucy Adams. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews in the Barger, Libby, Hammerschmidt and Iyall families and many friends but especially Shirley Miller and Gladys Martin.

Jeannette lived a full life of God, family and friends. We pray she will enjoy her reunion with all who she loved who predeceased her who she has missed for

a long time. May they all be there to welcome her when she enters her heavenly home.

A special note to thank the loving staff at Apple Rehab Cromwell too many to mention, but we want to acknowledge Tina (aka madamoselle) who took extra special care of our whole family. You are a blessing we will never forget. The Apple Rehab family are all so loving and caring while still being professional. Also Season's Hospice, Mildred her coordinator, Emily, Chaplain Karen Taryn, Sandra and Jayme DeAmato her case manager and nurse in her final days. She loved them all as much as they did her. The family is ever grateful for your loving care.

Funeral Services are Saturday 9 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. John's the Evangelist Church, 655 East Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be private at St Mary's cemetery directly following services. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. A refreshment reception will follow the Mass in the church hall hosted by the Ladies Guild. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's the Evangelist Church. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

### Calling Hours

NOV **25**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
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### Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John The Evangelist Church  
31 Newington Ave.  
New Britain, CT 06051



# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Barger was a profound influence on my spirituality. I owe my loving relationship with God to her. I know that she is resting in the arms of the Virgin Mary. Peace be to all of the loved ones she's left behind*

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**Maria-Louise Faria** - November 24, 2017 at 10:50 PM

TJ

“*Mrs Barger was my religious ed teacher at St John's and the passion with which she taught I have carried with me all these years. She will always be in my prayers.*

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**Thomas Sullivan Jr** - November 24, 2017 at 10:23 PM

RD

“*Mrs. Barger was my religious education instructor for my first communion in 1978 and my confirmation in 1984 at St. John's Church. She was also a Eucharistic minister at my wedding mass on Nov. 7, 1992, twenty five years ago. She was a great influence on my religious life. One of her lectures when I was just 7 years old really moved me to grow closer to God. Shortly after my wedding, I moved away with my husband in the Air Force. On one of my visits home, I was able to thank Mrs. Barger for being such a positive influence on me and my religious life. I went on to join the Catholic Student Association in College in SC. I became a Eucharistic Minister when I lived in Alaska. In Ohio, I became a lector. Shortly after moving to NC 14 years ago, I became a third grade religious education teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst NC. Currently, my 17 year old daughter, Samantha, is a volunteer in the 4th grade religious Ed. Classroom at our church. Mrs. Barger will be greatly missed and I will forever hold her in my heart.*

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**Rebecca Davis** - November 24, 2017 at 07:54 PM

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“ I wish to express my deepest sympathies to the family. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I loved teaching at St. John's Evangelist under her guidance. She loved the children so much.  
*Marlene Thibeault*

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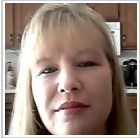
**Marlene Thibeault** - November 24, 2017 at 02:04 PM

WL

“ Mrs. Barger was a terrific person who made a positive impact early on in my life. She was instrumental in not only guiding me through catechism classes but Mrs. Barger helped me get through those tough teenage years. She will always have a special place in my heart.

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**Wayne Landry** - November 24, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Love, kindness, forgiving, caring, giving, generous, spiritual. These are a few words that describe my Memere, as well as inspirational. This is what she was to me. She was my inspiration, the good in me. There are not enough good words to describe the person she was or the Angel in Heaven she is now. I will miss her always. Memere was a huge part of my life, my childhood, my adulthood and the lives of my children. She will always have my heart. I will miss your witty humor and your "jokes"(even though most I didn't get). You always new how to make people happy and everyone around you always smiled. I will for sure miss your cooking and your fudge.

*Memere you were and still are my inspiration and always will be.  
Say Hi to Pepere and Uncle Lowell for me*

*Love Always  
Michele*

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**Michele Nadeau** - November 23, 2017 at 11:52 AM

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*I'm so sorry Michele ❤️🙏*

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**Tammy DeRosa** - November 23, 2017 at 03:21 PM

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“ *She took care of me as much as I did if her. Always made sure I was fed, always got my hugs and love from her. About 6 months ago she asked me to start calling her Memere and I did so without hesitation. I already miss you but know you are always around. My condolences to the entire family. She loved you all so dearly and was very proud. May her memories bring you peace.*  
*Tina Cleary.*

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**Tina** - November 23, 2017 at 12:28 AM