



## John Sirick

June 25, 1930 - January 1, 2024

John Sirick, 93, a resident of Newington, died Monday, January 1 at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. Born in New Britain on June 25, 1930 he was the son of Joseph and Anna (Tynek) Shevick. He attended local schools, graduating from New Britain High School in 1948 where he developed his love of music. Gifted by God with a beautiful baritone voice, he participated in various high school choral groups under the direction of “Doc” Merliani. John was proud of his service to his country in the U.S. Army from 1951 – 53. He was a medic at the American Field Hospital in Berlin, Germany, serving as an operating room technician. After his time in the army, he attended Hillyer College, graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting as a member of the first graduating class of the University of Hartford when it transitioned from Hillyer.

After graduation John became an auditor for the Hartford Insurance Co. In 1967 he joined the U.S. Dept. of Defense as an auditor and was stationed at Electric Boat, Kaman Aircraft, Hamilton Standard and Pratt & Whitney from which he retired in 1995.

Most important in John’s life were his family, faith and music. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Cynthia (Zemantic), 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa Josefiak (Lucian) of Westbrook and Sarah Bailly (John) of Newington, 4 grandchildren, Cora Josefiak and Rebekah, Rachael and Jacob Bailly as well as nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and several dear cousins. John was predeceased by two brothers and three

sisters; Michael Shevick, Lester Sirick, Lovey Shevick, Mary DiPinto and Katherine Sandquist.

John was a life-long member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain. He was one of a trio of men to be the first of the parish to be ordained as sub-deacons in 1988 by Archbishop Antony. Active within the parish in many capacities, his melodious voice was an asset in the choir for decades. He also served as a trustee and a financial officer of the parish council, an officer of the Scholarship Committee and the Ukrainian Orthodox League as well as co-chairing the Angels Club and the bread-baking group. In September of 2023, John was awarded the St. Andrew First-Called Apostle Medal for his service to the church by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony. Proud of his heritage, John performed as a member of Yevshan, a Ukrainian choral group. He had great interest in that country's historical and cultural background, traveling there in 2002 to experience the beauty of the country. John's love of music gave him great joy. He performed with the New Britain Musical Club and the annual "Messiah" concert, serving on the board of directors of both groups. He also sang with the New Britain Opera Association and the quartet "Ernestly Yours" named after the former New Britain philanthropist, Ernest Brainard, the proceeds from those performances being donated to the New Britain Boys and Girls Club in Mr. Brainard's memory. The Sirick family expresses its deep gratitude to the staff of the Bliss 7 step-down unit at Hartford Hospital, especially Sara, Robyn and Anna for their kind and sensitive care of John through his final journey. Also, loving thanks go to his Visiting Angels aides, Ladi, Ransford, Kofi, George, Alice, Ivy and Jackie for their affection, understanding and respect.

Funeral services are Friday (January 5, 2024) 10 AM at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Mary Ukrainian Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4-7PM with a Panakhyda service at 6PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours will also be held Friday morning from 9 to 10 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be

made to the V. Rev. Mitred Peter Kowalchuk Scholarship Fund, St. Mary's  
UOC, 54 Winter Street, New Britain 06051. Please share a memory or note of  
sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 4. 4:00 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

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Ukrainian Church  
55 Winter Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
54 Winter Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

## Burial

JAN 5 (ET)

St. Mary Ukrainian Cemetery  
New Britain, CT



# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Most valued by John were his family, his church, and his music. He always worked to make all of these better and succeeded. He was a product of the 40's, 50's, and 60's, which many of us consider to have been the " Best of Times". Family, church, and friendships were intertwined. We have many fond memories of John going back over 50 yrs, when we were young, having fun and growing our families. To Cynthia, Melissa, Sara and family, our sincere condolences. May his Memory Be Eternal.*

*Michael & Diane Wowk*

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**Michael P. Wowk** - January 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM

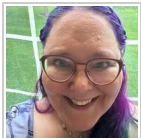
CN

“ *So sorry for your loss. Memory Eternal!*



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**Carolyn Neiss** - January 04, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sarah, Melissa, and Mrs. Sirick - I wish I had some wisdom to offer that wasn't trite or useless. I don't. Just know that I love you and that I am asking G-d to give you strength and cradle you in love as you walk this difficult road.*

*- K2 / Kelley Kelly*

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**Kelley Kelly** - January 04, 2024 at 08:57 AM

JN

“ Sending my sincere sympathy to all of you and God Bless. So many pleasant memories of John. I considered him a friend, a confidant, and all around good guy. Many pleasant memories for me to think of him as his life's journey continues in the higher realms. Special hug to another good buddy, my friend, Cynthia, during this sad time. God Bless You! John Nickleach

JOHN R NICKLEACH - January 03, 2024 at 11:29 AM

TU

“ Our deepest condolences.

*Tim Ustanowski and family*



Tim Ustanowski - January 03, 2024 at 08:39 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Wiring family

*Tim Ustanowski*



Tim Ustanowski - January 03, 2024 at 08:37 AM

GZ

“ My memories of John are only of his kindness and consideration of others. He was a deeply and truly good man. So sad to lose such a bright light in a dark world. Memory Eternal.



Gregory Zaparyniuk - January 03, 2024 at 02:08 AM

AV

“ *The Sirick Family has and always will be our "second" family. I have so many fond memories of Mr. Sirick since my childhood but I especially loved his bike rides in our neighborhood, when he would stop by our home and chat with my Dad. It was so nice to see their friendship grow post retirement. Mr. Sirick, I am so grateful you welcomed me into your home. Your daughters have been my sisters throughout life, and for that, I am blessed to have known you. You raised two beautiful sweet generous girls, because you are an amazing Father. You will be very much missed by your family and friends but our faith tells us you are in peace.*

*Sending the Sirick family much love ... Mrs. Sirick, Melissa, Sarah and your families are in our prayers.*

*Love, the Patels from Brookside Road.*

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**Avani** - January 02, 2024 at 08:29 PM

AP

“ *Avani P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Sirick.*

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**Avani P.** - January 02, 2024 at 08:14 PM

HD

“ *While I love all of your family so dearly, in my family (besides my father), I spent the most time with John. Making faces at one another in Choir, singing side by side for love of our harmonies, helping start the carols at St. Nick Day.... Numerous messages in my high school days I passed between him and Charles Lund. So many church council meetings, fundraisers and events. I can hear his voice, see his smile and feel his loving presence. Rest easy my favorite bass. Vichnaya Pamyat!*

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**Heather Duffy** - January 02, 2024 at 04:40 PM