



Kalliopi (Danikas) Brander

March 8, 1950 - December 2, 2025

Kalliopi (Danikas) Brander, 75, of Vernon, passed away Tuesday December 2, 2025. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Denis and Alexandra (Likidou) Danikas.

Kalliopi spent most of her life in West Hartford, Connecticut. She was fiercely proud to be Greek American and loved Greek culture and history. She earned her Master's degree in English literature from the University of Hartford and was a Sunday School Teacher for 18 years at her church. Kalliopi's interests included mythology, fine art, and theater. She enjoyed racontouring, playing scrabble, and rooting for the underdog.

She admired her brothers immensely and missed her parents deeply.

Surviving is her son, Peter Brander and his wife Kerry of Marlborough, and her brother Peter Danikas of New London. She was predeceased by her brother, Alky Danikas.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Vernon Manor for their compassionate care, professionalism, and dedication during Kalliopi's final journey.

Funeral services are Monday December 8, 2025 10AM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 301 West Main Street, New Britain. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings On Hudson, NY. Calling hours are Monday from 9am until the time of the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is

assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

50 Jackson Ave
Hastings On Hudson, NY 10706

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
301 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06052

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kallie was and always will be in my heart and prayers.
We met in 5th grade, in Riverdale, at school. I was the new kid and she befriended me; we were instant best friends and was my other sister.
It is difficult to express how much I'll miss her and our almost-daily hour long chats on the phone.
May she rest in peace.
Forever friends-Leslie Phillips*

Leslie Phillips - December 08, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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“ *My heart breaksI have endless memories of beautiful Kalliopi from my childhood.My father was an English Professor at Uof H and she and her husband babysat my late brother and I one weekend .The memories are still so vivid in my mind I sadly hadn't seen her for so long since her son was a small child.I have never met a mother more proud of their child .They both were they were so beautiful to me and I'm so sorry the years have slipped by so fast I never got a chance to once again tell her I loved her.May she rest in peace and know how much i appreciated her in my life .-Jessie smith New Hartford Ct.*

jessica smith - December 06, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ Sometimes we find blessings in unexpected places; for me, I found the gift of Kalli's friendship in an online game room playing Scrabble. Her presence in the lives of me and my children, and the genuine interest in our happenings, made our lives richer. We are thankful for over 10 years of friendship and grateful for the wisdom and life lessons shared. On behalf of my family, our heartfelt condolences go out to all who are feeling her loss today. We will keep all of you in our thoughts now and in the days ahead. - Brenda

Brenda - December 04, 2025 at 03:13 PM