



Kirsten Elizabeth Carlson

December 5, 1972 - May 5, 2006

Kirsten Elizabeth Carlson, 33, of Manchester, New Hampshire, died Friday May 5, 2006 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Born in New Britain, she moved to New Hampshire seven years ago. A graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1990, she was a Teller at the former Federal Savings Bank, owned and operated A Touch of Class nail salon in Rocky Hill, and briefly served as a Deputy Sheriff before moving to New Hampshire.

Surviving is her daughter, Victoria ?Tori? Brennan of Bristol; her parents, Kent and Betsy Grant Carlson of New Britain; her fiance Mark Kenyon of Manchester, New Hampshire; her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth ?Betty? Grant also of New Britain; two brothers, James Carlson and his wife Megan of Farmington; and Erik Carlson and his wife Cara of New Britain; two sisters, Kim McGee and her husband Jamie of Stonington; and Karalyn Carlson of New Britain; her former husband Pat Brennan of Bristol; two nieces, Annelise McGee and Aniela Carlson; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her maternal grandfather Joseph Grant, Sr. and her paternal grandparents Ernest and Florence Carlson.

Funeral services are Tuesday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. Calling hours Monday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kirsten?s memory may be made to the Ferdinand Sauer M.D. Family Birth Center, c/o New Britain General Hospital, 100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with her family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ *I just found this out.I knew her wayback in school she was such a sweetheart.So sorry for your loss.*

jeff vartuli - July 25, 2020 at 12:57 PM

TB

“ *dear mom,*

i miss you and love you a lot

tori brennan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Kent: I just found out about Kirsten's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Rita Romegialli

Rita Romegialli - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Carlson Family*

I am sorry for the loss of your daughter,sister, mother and friend. I have fond memories of Kristen from middle school and high school.Kristen and I spent the hurricane together Gloria I lost contact with Kristen after High School but i thought of her often. She was a kind caring person who did not judge anyone. She always made me feel as though I belonged.What I find strange is that I moved to NH 12 years ago. I wish that we had stayed in contact with one another we could have supported one another.

My sincere sympathy to your family. I hope and pray that your family will seek God through this most difficult time.

Jo-Anne Dombrowskas

Jo-Anne Dombrowskas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Kent and Betsy, I am so sorry for your loss. I just heard today. My thoughts are with your family*

Ed Forte - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathy for your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We're in Florida and just found out from Barbara Danielson.

Ken & Paula Munson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I last spoke with Kirsten many years ago when she was about to open her own nail salon. She was looking for a place and told me about some of those she had "checked out." She was so excited and so happy. I guess it's a good thing that we don't always know what lies ahead of us; it's hard enough to handle as it comes. It's been a long, rocky road to a better place for her. How easy it is to say that, but so difficult for her family and those close to her. This is when our faith is really tested. If we don't really believe that, then what hope do we have? Your family continues to serve as an example, despite the numerous difficulties that all families experience. God's blessings on all of you.

Nancy Carter Gentry - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I hope that you all are comforted by love and your memories of the times when you all were together enjoying each others company. Kim and I were school friends from way back and I remember Kristen the twins and the baby when they were little and can't believe they are all adults now. Kristen was always the quiet shy girl who always took things in and had a smile on her face.

Beth Babowicz Kellish - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Dear Carlson Family~
I am sending my condolences to you with empathy because of your great loss. Your family was taking care of my Mom's arrangements in the middle of all of this and I am truly grateful for all you have done. Loosing a close family member no matter what age is very hard but my heart goes out to your family especially in the loss Kirsten. May you find some comfort in knowing that others are sympathizing with you and your family and we will hold you warmly in our thoughts and prayers.

With heartfelt sympathy~

Cynthia & Elliott Infante
Ann Giannini's daughter & son in-law

Cynthia Infante - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Kent, Betsy, Kim, Erik, and James, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Kirsten. I remember her as an adorable girl down at Attawan. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With deepest sympathy, Joan Carlson Perkins

Joan Carlson Perkins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Dear Kent, Betsey, Kim, James, Erik, Karalyn, Mrs. Grant and Tori

Bob and I were ever so sorry to hear of Kirsten's passing. She was such a beautiful girl, both inside and out.

I remember with a smile the days when James and Erik were in my Nursery class at St. Matthew's and Kim and Kirsten would come in on their days off from school to help with the class. They were such fun and always so happy. Kim , Kirsten and I really had fun putting on those silly bird wings and beaks for that play the boys were in. I smile now thinking of how happy your children always were Kent & Betsey. They had such nice spirits, everyone of them. I remember that first Halloween for Karalyn when you stopped by the house with the kids and there was Karalyn dressed with a little piggy tail. You are a wonderful family!

Mrs. Grant, my mum and I were talking about the times she would walk by your house years ago with my daughter's son and you would be watching Tori and she would stop to chat with you. Your grandchildren and great grandchild are very fortunate to have you for their Grandma.

I could go on and on here about your family and sharing some very happy memories of Kirsten...but I think you understand how important you all are to us. Our prayers and good thoughts are with you all. I know Kirsten is in a much kinder world.

Sincerely,

Bob & Deb Volz and family

Deb & Bob Volz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Kent and Betsy,

I was so sorry to hear that Kirsten had passed away. Over the past few days, I have found myself continually going back over my memories of bringing Jason, and later Erin, over to play with "Kimmy" and "Kirsten". I always thought that she was a real treasure - such a sweet personality, rosy cheeks and strawberry hair. I remember sitting her on my lap or on my ankle and singing "Chick-a-boom, chick-a-boom, don't ya just love her? Chick-a-boom, chick-a-boom, don't you just love her? Chick-a-boom, chick-a-boom-boom-boom." I think that may have been your favorite song to sing to her as I picked up my habits from you! I also remember the tons of fun our children had either in your back yard or mine - remember how they loved the sprinkler?

Kent, whenever Kirsten did something funny, you would bend your head down and to the side, your eyes would light up like the 4th of July, and you'd emit this wonderful warm chuckle while telling the story. I know how much you both loved her, and I imagine that she did too.

I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers - and I am so sorry that we've lost Kirsten.

Love, Cindy Lukens Antonacci

Lucinda Abshire Antonacci - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Carlson Family,

We want to take this time to express our condolences for the loss of your daughter.

We hope with time that your pain will pass and you will cherish the times you had together.

Sincerely, The Coe & Corriveau Family

The Coe Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ *we would like to express our deepest feelings of sorrow for your loss to ken and your family with all respect francis and george and pat our friend downstairs.*

francis shippey & george kumm - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *We are deeply saddened to hear about your loss, we will keep you all in our hearts and prayers.*

Eric & Karen Gervais - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lynn Schwab Boyan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Dear Kent and Betsy,
My prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I am so sorry.*

Eric L. Annis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *To the entire Carlson Family:*

With deepest sympathy our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Jason Zagorski
Tom and Sam Zagorski*

Jason Zagorski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *In memory of Kirsten,
I look back and think of all the wonderful times I spent with Kirsten. She was a loving, caring person, I will never forget!
DARLEEN*

Darleen Turchetta - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Dear Carlson Family:*

My heart goes out to you for the loss of such a beautiful person...I also know first hand how difficult it is to suffer such a loss and have to operate a funeral home at the same time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I only wish we were closer to you to offer more support. Bob Ricker, Lebanon, NH

Bob Ricker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Betsy and Kent:*

Al and I express our deepest sympathy and sorrow to you and your family at the loss of your daughter, Kirsten. We were so shocked when we read the paper and really felt for the both of you. If there is anything at all that we can do, please do not hesitate to call us. We are so truly sorry.

Al and Sue Panarella

Sue and Al Panarella - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Dear Kent, Betsey and family;*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
No parents should have to endure the loss of a child.
Kirsten is in a better place.*

*Sincerely,
Marc and Pat*

Marc and Pat Bordiere - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *My thoughts are with your family, Kirsten will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved her.*

Kristen Ludwikow - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Kent ,*

My brother James called me yesterday and told me of your loss and i was in shock---Such a young woman--and at so young of an age -truly very sad.I send my sincere condolences --I think of you and betsy often and all the great quality times we had in past years and always think of your whole family as very special -

*I moved here to Lexington SC after going thru 3 hurricanes last year-hopefully we won't get hit here..I can't believe how fast time goes --I remember all we did and they are very fond memories--
again my SINCERE condolences*

Albert Riccio

Albert t Riccio - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Kent and Betsy*

We are sorry for your loss and wish you comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Tom and Kay O'Toole - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Kent, Betsy, Tori & all*

So sorry to hear of your loss. May the good Lord help you through this very difficult time.

Hervey

Hervey Clay - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *As I write this, there doesn't seem to be words to express my sorrow. Your family has always welcomed me like one of your own. My love and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Bruce Thompson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *To the Carlson Family, Mere words cannot express our heartfelt condolences to your family during this saddest of times. May God give you strength. You're all in our hearts and prayers.*

Paul and Barbara

Paul A. Shaker,Jr./Barbara B.Spada - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Dear Kent, Betsy & Family,*

We were sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. Words do not begin to express our sympathy. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tim, Marge& Morgan Dolby - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Dear Carlson Family*

So sorry to hear of your loss. May the special things about your loved one live on inside your heart forever.

karen johnson googel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear Kent & Betsy & Family,
We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at this very trying time. We lost a son and the pain never goes away. You must remember all of the good times and hold the memories of your daughter close to your hearts. May her memory be eternal in your hearts forever. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you.
Nick and Ann Faggas
Faggas Embalming Service, Inc
Watertown, Mass.

Nick & Ann Faggas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Karalyn & Carlson Family,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts & prayers.

katie bryant - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Betsy and Kent:

My heart aches for you and your family at the loss of Kirsten. I pray the love your family shares and the love and warmth of your many, many friends will provide comfort to you in the weeks and months ahead.

Ellen Perkins Simpson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Kent and Besty-Just learned of your loss through MFDA-Our thoughts and prayers are with you both

Jim and Chris

Jim and Chris Mockler - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Kent, Betsy and family. We are profoundly saddened to hear of the loss of your daughter. We pray that God will comfort you during this difficult time to the measure by which you have so lovingly comforted so many over the years.

Patricia and Michael Wood - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Kent & Betsy*
Our Prayers, Hopes, and thoughts are with you. Word come up short. Our hearts are with you. Hugs to everyone.

VJ, Maria, Lexi, Olivia Chigas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Kirsten warm heart and sprit will be missed dearly. Please accept our sympathy on your lost.*

Edward & Susan Kinney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *To the entire Carlson family we send our deepest condolences; you are all in our prayers during your time of mourning.*

George and Susan Sylvester - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Carlson Family,*

Please accept our condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy & Terry Purcell and family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dear Carlson Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Dick and Charlotte Smith - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Dick and Charlotte Smith - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Kent and Betsy and family - I know there are no words to to help ease your pain - we just wanted you to know how truly and deeply sorry we are for your loss of your precious daughter Kirsten. Life throws us lots of curves to deal with, but the loss of a child is probably the hardest of them all. Your family has been so kind to so many families in this area, including ours. We just wanted to let you know how deeply sorry we are in your family's loss. Kirsten and your entire family are in our prayers. You are a strong family and you will get through this, somehow, with God's help. May God Bless you and keep you strong. With our deepest sympathy, Stephen and Marion Abraham Carey and Family.

Stephen and Marion Abraham Carey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To the Carlson family:

I had the pleasure of working with Kirsten at The Federal Savings Bank. She was always full of life and laughter. I truly enjoyed her company. I send you my prayers, deepest sympathies and blessings.

Larry Tucker

Larry Tucker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Dear Betsy, Kent, and the Carlson family

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Kirsten. May the memories and love you shared help you through this difficult time.

Barbara Fortin & Harold Ellington - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you

Don & Sallie Caliandri - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Betsy, Kent and family.

Our deepest condolences go out to you and your family at this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Love, Linda and Ed

Linda and Ed Kozlenko - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *May you find peace in each other and those around you during this time of grief. We are thinking of you and sending our love your way.*

Marissa, Jeff, and Jaelyn Taylor - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. Keep the good memories with you that you have of Kirsten. I'm here for all of you.-Jen*

Jennifer Boucher - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. She will be missed dearly.*

Cari-Lynn Standish - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, James, Eric, Kim, Karalyn, and Tori,*

I don't even know how to start, and I want to sit and try to find all the right words, but I know if I try to do that, I may never get this message to you... the right words don't exist... you all have had the right words, the comforting presence, the hugs, and love that my family and I have needed throughout the years. and now, I want to be able to give the same to you.

I am so sorry not only for your loss, but for all the years that I let get away from me.... you know, Mr. Carlson, that I had planned to call her over the last two weeks... and I hadn't... I shall regret that always. Her picture is beautiful. Kirsten was always beautiful. She was lost at times, but, she was always beautiful. She was my best friend senior year in high school... we were inseperable. and I often look back on that year and all of the wonderful memories.... I always loved Kirsten, for the person that she was, for her sense of humor ~ she could always make me laugh about life ~ especially during times that I didn't think I could. She is one person that I will remember all the days of my life..... and be thankful to God that he had brought her into my life. In many ways, she helped me be the person that I am today.

Tori, I send you a great big hug ~ I just lost my Mom almost two years ago ~ and that was the worst thing that ever happened to me..... I still feel the pain today. May God be with you all during this time. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish that I could attend calling hours and services. Please know that.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Jennifer Date Kirkpatrick - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Dear Kent & Betsy,*

Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to you on the loss of your daughter. It's a terrible tragedy when parents have to bury their own children and our hearts go out to you and the rest of your family.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Lexie Klarman

Jeff & Lexie Klarman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Our prayers & sympathy are with you at this sad time of the loss of your daughter Kirsten*

David & Judy Mohr - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kent Carlson, Tori, & Family,
My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. With my deepest sympathy and love to
you all.*

Janice Boucher - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear Betsy, Kent, Tori, and Family
Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family at this difficult time of the loss of
your beautiful Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Mother, Sister-In-Law and Friend. Our
thoughts and prayers our with you all.*

PETE & BETTE BOUCHER - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Kent, Betsy and family -
Kathie and I join the members of the Vermont Funeral Directors Association in
extending our sympathy in the loss of Kristen. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you during this difficult time.
Bob Covey, President
VT FDA*

Bob Covey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Betsy, Kent, James, Eric, Kim, Karalyn, and Tori, our hearts ache for you. We
mourn with you the loss of Kirsten, the beautiful girl who walked through our
summers.
We love you, Ruth, Chuck, Tim and Lizzie*

Ruth and Chuck Reluga - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Kent & Betsy,
Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your daughter. The loss of a child is the most difficult loss that anyone can bare. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May your many happy memories and the love of family and friends sustain you at this difficult time. Our caring thoughts will be with you in the days ahead.
God Bless,
Linda & Joe Cimadon*

Linda & Joe Cimadon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Dear Kent & Betsy, we lost our son in 1994 and you provided the services. Our heart is with you and your family.
Jaime & Berta*

Jaime & Berta Ortiz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM