



## Leslie (Carlson) Thomas

May 21, 1958 - November 21, 2024

Leslie (Carlson) Thomas, 66, of Newington, passed away Thursday (November 21, 2024) at Ledgecrest Health Center in Kensington. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Donald K. and Anna (Johnson) Carlson, she was a lifelong Newington resident. A graduate of Newington High School, Class of 1977, she was a waitress at the Olympia Diner in Newington for 30 years, retiring in 2015.

Surviving are two daughters, Alana Faulkner and her longtime companion Jeff Heins of Newington; and Margaret Thomas and her partner Craig Bouchard, also of Newington; a brother, Kent Carlson and his wife Dianne of Newington; a sister, Lynn Detlefsen and her husband Douglas of Palm Bay, FL; three grandchildren, Jordan Ouellette, Jasmyne Ouellette and Douglas Faulkner; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Leslie was predeceased by her sister, Laurel "Lori" Paradise.

Funeral services are Thursday (December 5, 2024) 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday morning from 9 to 11 AM at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza Floor 2, East Hartford, CT 06108. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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## Burial

DEC 5 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Losing you was the hardest part of my life! You were my best friend and always will be. I don't know how to function sometimes when I think of you and how much I miss you so dearly!!!! Id give anything to kiss your cheek one more time. Now you can sleep mommy with no pain or discomfort. Wish I was holding you in my arms. I'll see you again one day. I love you mommy, Love, Beanie*



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**Alana Faulkner** - January 03, 2025 at 02:51 PM

GC

“ *Hugs to all the Carlson family for the loss of a mom, a sister an aunt and a friend. Amazing to remember Leslie for so long with my friendship with both sisters Lori and Lynn. Growing up they all felt like family, even little brother Kent. God bless you Leslie, Lori is up there to welcome you. Rest easy now Leslie.*

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**Gail Cyr** - December 05, 2024 at 09:23 AM

PO

“ I went to school with Leslie and Lynn all through school. I remember being a bit shocked to find out they were sisters. They were so opposite. But having my own girls in the same grade one older than the other I realize how different they can be. Both were kind, although this is about Leslie. I remember her as being kind and a loyal friend. Funny thing is I found out just a few months ago, that my husband's cousin is related to the Carlson family. I tried reaching out to Leslie, in hopes of sharing that news never knowing she was sick. With that being said, I am so very sorry for the loss of such a loving and kind sister, Mom, Grandma, along with the many other titles she held. Praying and sending hugs and love to you all. A beautiful lady, gone too soon. 💔😭🌟🙏😊❤️



Pam Duncan Opalacz - December 04, 2024 at 01:05 PM

AF

Thank you for the kind words about my mom. Please feel free to reach out to me through facebook under Alana Lynn.

Alana Faulkner - January 03, 2025 at 02:54 PM

TL

“ Sending each and everyone of you so much love and prayers at this difficult time. Leslie was one of hardest working moms I have ever met. Her love for her children, grandchildren and siblings, nieces and nephews and her entire family and friends was beyond words. heaven has a new Angel

tracey lappen - November 22, 2024 at 11:23 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We are always here for you Alana. Love Beth and Bob

Beth Wardwell - November 22, 2024 at 09:18 PM

CS

“ *Our love and sincerest condolences to you all. Leslie was such a fighter and we loved her so. May she rest in peace, united with her loved ones in Heaven.*

*Aunt Helen and cousin Chris*

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**Christine Silansky** - November 22, 2024 at 08:36 PM