



Lillian Gagnon Swaney-Longway

June 17, 1945 - December 15, 2003

Lillian Gagnon Swaney-Longway, formerly of 152 Four Mile River Road Old Lyme, died Monday morning at the home of her loving daughter and son-in-law Kirstin and Philip Ziegler where she resided. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Katherine and Romeo Gagnon of Marlborough.

She worked at the Lee Company of Westbrook for many years. Her interests included photography, gardening, bowling, cooking, and the outdoors.

She leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Phil Ziegler, their children Lauren, Morgan, and Payton of New Britain. She also leaves behind a devoted son Ronald Swaney of Old Lyme. Lillian is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law Jean and Bill Descy of Marlborough, her niece Michelle, her husband Scott and their daughter Heather Campbell.

The funeral is private. Funeral arrangements will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave, P.O. Box 1004, Meriden, CT 06450. The Ziegler family wishes to extend sincere thanks to Hospice and Palliative Care of Connecticut. Please share a memory of Lillian with her family in our online guestbook by clicking on "sign memorial guestbook" at the top or bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Ron and Kristen and Family:

*Mom was very special to all of us and I am grateful to have known her. We shared a special relationship. I know how important her family was to her and how much she cherished those times. I am so sorry for your loss, but she will be thought of often and will always remain in our hearts. Thinking of you,
Barbara*

Barbara Sapere - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Kris&Ron,

*Wanted to let you know we were thinking of you. Sorry for your loss. If not for your mom I don't think my parents would have met. My mom told me when they were teenagers she used to walk to your moms house which was pretty farto visit. She was a great friend and will be missed.
With Love-
Candy*

Candace Swaney Weaver - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Ron and Kirstin, my prays are with you. i will remember the happy times we had together when i was small.
please feel free to email me anytime.
sincerely
Nancy and Ken Swaney Sr.

Nancy Swaney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I remember our children growing up together. Lillian was a sweet and gentle lady and always had a smile. I know she has taken the next step in life, but she will be sadly missed, here. Lovingly, Peg Kus

Margaret Coffee Kus - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Ronnie, Kristin, Phil, Morgan, Payton & Lauren:
My deepest sympathy goes out to you & your family at this difficult time. I will always cherish the way your mom treated us just like we were her own kids & I always felt like we were 'related' without being "blood" relatives. I'm going to miss "Lillian". I feel blessed that Lil was like a mom to me & even tho' I went my own way & I'm not as close to you Kris & Ron as we were while growing up, you & your families are in my thoughts & prayers often. I know your mom loved you & adored her grand-children. May God bless you all. With all my love & sympathy - Mare Sestilli.

Mary Harlow Sestilli - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ You know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My deepest sympathy. My fondest memories are all the summers at Roger's Lake. Lill let me keep my boat at her house and we all had such fun there. I have also spent my last 8 or 9 Christmas Eve's with Lill and family sharing dinner and the holiday spirit. She certainly will be missed by many, many people for a long time. She was a great person. Good Bye my friend.

Ellen K. Mitchell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Kris & Ronnie
I am so sorry to here about your mom. she was very special to me.I
will miss her deeply.
Love Diane Swaney Starr

Diane Starr - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Kris & Ronnie,
There are no words to truly express our sadness for you both and
ourselves. Your mom was a wonderful person and we all cherish the
37 years of memories we have. There were so many good times
shared growing up and even though we are not related, we always
thought of you all as family. I know your mom was very proud of you
both and your accomplishments. We all hope that your memories
and her love will help you through this very sad time. Your mom and
to us "Lil" will be missed so very much.

Sending all our love.

Marsha Randazzo , Marion & Dick Harlow - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ December 16, 2003

Dear Lauren, Morgan, Payton and Paula

Thank you for taking care of my "baby sister".

I love you.

Aunt Jean

Aunt Jean & Uncle Bill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ December 16, 2003

Dear Ronnie,

We wish there was something we could say or do to make life easier for you.

Your mom meant the world to you. She will be missed - but her memories will live on.

You brought much joy to her life. As a young boy, she was worried you grew up too fast and became a man way before your time. You can find happiness in knowing you played an important role in helping her achieve her life dream of owning her own home. She was so proud of your knowledge and craftsmanship.

She looked forward to your summer picnics and loved having you stop in for dinner. Whenever she had a problem she could not solve, it was “Ronnie to the rescue”. She depended upon you and you never let her down.

We pray you find courage, strength and peace in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We love you.

Aunt Jean & Uncle Bill

Aunt Jean & Uncle Bill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ December 16, 2003

Dear Kris, Phil, Lauren, Morgan, Payton and Paula

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for taking care of ‘our‘ sister.

She knocked at your door during her time of need. You all opened the door providing unconditional love, support and care. Because of your thoughtfulness, the door remained open for all of us to spend quality time with Lill in a loving environment.

We will miss her ‘ribs on the grill’ at family picnics, her endless focusing of the camera in an effort to take the perfect picture, and the opportunity to spill something on her white tablecloth.

Kris and Phil we are proud of the parents you are. May the memory of Mom's courageous spirit guide you through the difficult times ahead. Please find comfort and peace in knowing we share your sorrow and pain.

We love you all.

Aunt Jean and Uncle Bill

Aunt Jean & Uncle Bill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Kristen & Ron-
Our thoughts are with you and your family. I'm so very glad that you
Deb & Mike had so many good times together growing up. Ron &
Mike are still very close and I hope that will always continue. Kristen,
even though you are farther away, know that we do think of you
often. Take care of yourselves.
Love,
Aunt Marilyn & Uncle Don
Deb & Family
Mike-Tricia & Family

Marilyn & Don Swaney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lillian Gagnon Swaney-Longway

Marilyn & Don Swaney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dearest Kris, sincerest condolences to you, Phil, and family on the
loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this
most difficult time.

Mike Giuffrida - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM