



## Marion Johnston

September 15, 1932 - December 5, 2013

Marion Henderling Johnston, 81, widow of Richard S. Johnston, Sr., passed away Thursday December 5, 2013 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. A lifelong New Britain resident, Marion received a Social Work Degree from Tunxis Community College and was employed at the Fafnir Bearing Company in New Britain and later by the Department of Labor in Hartford for over 16 years. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain. Surviving are three sons, Michael Johnston and his life partner Debbie Goydich of New Britain; James Daoust and his wife Nancy of Aurora, Colorado and Richard Johnston, Jr. and his husband Joe Perkins of Revere, MA; two daughters, Cindy Labrecque and her husband Jim of New Britain, and Bonnie Benson and her husband Robert, also of New Britain; a sister, Lois Drachenberg and her husband Tom of Plainville; five grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Richard Johnston, Sr., she was predeceased by a son, Charles "Rusty" Antolini; a brother, Gordon Henderling and a sister, Doris Weaver. Marion had a no nonsense approach to life and could always tell you "the fact of the matter". She had a giving heart and would give or help out any way she could. She had a great love for animals owning many cats and dogs over the years and even rescued her last dog this year in April. She loved going to Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and this year said it was "almost a spiritual experience" with butterflies covering her and a big smile on her face from the time she entered until she left.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marion's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Marion's family by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, I feel you surrounding me with each thought I have that brings me peace. I miss you so much but I know you are at peace and dancing with daddy. He a;ways was a great dancer. Tell him everything good and bad since he has been there and say hi to God and I love you. You did everything on your bucket except Mohegan Sun. The butterflies are free.

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**cindy labrecque** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Grandma J you were loved by so many and always had the best of advice. RIP Grandma Love you

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**Tammi Antolini** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM