



## Norma Jean Cacchillo

May 2, 1932 - April 8, 2025

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Norma Jean Cacchillo sadly passed away, she will be sorely missed. She was born in New Britain, CT, on May 2, 1932 to Arthur J. and Anna M. Cacchillo. Norma graduated from New Britain High School, Class of 1950 and received an Associate's Degree from Central CT State College. Norma worked for the City of New Britain in the Assessor's Office for many years. In addition, she volunteered on Election Day and with the Race in the Park, taught quilting, and was a longtime member of a local quilting club. She made numerous beautiful hand-crafted items, many of which are still cherished by her loved ones today.

Norma was a devout member of St. Jerome Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, and over the years had made hundreds of pastries for bake sales at the church. Norma enjoyed traveling to Canada, Italy & Ireland as well as Hilton Head, SC for quilting seminars. Norma was an avid UCONN Women's basketball season ticketholder who had been able to attend several Final Four games over the years.

Besides her parents, she was pre-deceased by her brother Arthur, nephew Geoffrey Bessoni, grandnephew Jason Bessoni, and brother-in-law Robert Carson. Norma will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Lois Carson of Waterford, nephews, George Bessoni of Old Saybrook, Gary Bessoni (Debbie) of Utah, Glenn Bessoni (Sharon) of Southington, nieces, Brenda, Bonnie and Ashley, nephews, Kyle, Daniel, and Michael, great-nephew, August, great-nieces, Miley and Macayla, dear friends, Diane and Jeannie

and also several first cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday (April 12, 2025) 10:30 AM at St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. Calling hours are Saturday morning 9 to 10 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1141 Stanley Street  
New Britain, CT 06053

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Jerome Church  
1010 Slater Rd.  
New Britain, CT 06053

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Knowing Norma for over 30 years has been one of the joys of my life, especially going to the UCONN Women's games. I treasure all of the years we had together My sympathy and prayers to her dear sister, Lois & family.

Love & prayers,  
Diane & Art Chamberlain

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**Diane Chamberlain** - April 11, 2025 at 06:58 PM

KA

“ I will always treasure the beautiful Santa's you gave me. My house will never be as beautiful as yours was at Christmas but I have some of the beauty because of your generosity. There has never been an absentee ballot worker as good as you were. You will be missed dear lady.

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**Karen** - April 10, 2025 at 08:17 PM

AM

“ I'll never forget that Normie made me a heart shaped jewelry box covered in fabric for a wedding present. I thought it was the most precious gift ever and it feels like yesterday that I received it. For many years it held my jewelry and stood atop my dresser. Normie was a special person and came from a beautiful family.

Love,  
Alyson Underwood Mangun

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**Alyson Underwood Mangun** - April 10, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CO

“ To Norma’s family and friends our sincere sympathy. We knew Norma thru my mom Shirley Maglio and their dear friend Shirley Mayock. I’m sure the three “sisters of the heart” are causing trouble at heavens gate. Norma was one of the sweetest persons we have ever known. We hold memories of the times we were together dear and feel lucky and blest to have called her a friend . RIP Norma -Bill and Cathy O’Dell

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**Cathy O’Dell** - April 10, 2025 at 05:28 PM

MD

“ Known to us as Aunt Norma she was a cherished family friend. She worked with my Grandmother Eleanor Newton at NB City Hall for years, was a close friend of my mother’s Loretta Newton Gaudette and is my sister Cheryl’s Godmother. When my husband Don and I were married she was our Eucharistic Minister and also made a beautiful Quilt for our first born son for which I have saved for our future Grandchildren to be cradled in her love. Will always remember Aunt Norma for her strength and kindness and will miss her delicious Christmas cookies!. God bless. Maribeth (Gaudette) DeForge and Family.

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**Maribeth DeForge** - April 10, 2025 at 05:04 PM

JD

“ She was a pillar of St. Jerome’s when I grew up in the 50’s and 60’s. She contributed so much to so many! Condolences to your family and her friends.  
Jean Higgins Doyle

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**Jean Doyle** - April 10, 2025 at 07:23 AM