



Rose (Sargis) Ernesto

July 31, 1916 - April 18, 2022

Rose Sargis Ernesto, a longtime resident of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Ernesto, Jr., and her sister, Lillian Sargis Pera.

Rose was the daughter of the late Jacob and Judith Sargis and was a graduate of New Britain High School. Rose was the corporation secretary of the former Goodwin Park Toyota, in Hartford for over 30 years. Later, she was the personal secretary for Samuel "Sy" Birbaum and the Birnbaum family for many years, retiring when she was 93 years old.

A very faithful member of the South Church in New Britain, Rose sang in the church choir and was the alto soloist for many years. Her love of singing led her to study voice in New York City. She was also a longtime member of the former New Britain Musical Club and participated in various musical productions when she was younger. In addition to her lifelong interest in music, Rose loved fine art and was a patron of the New Britain Museum of American Art.

An avid traveler, Rose enjoyed visiting new and exotic places with her husband, Frank. Together they toured many countries across four continents. They were also enthusiastic golfers. In addition, Rose was an accomplished skier, delighting in her trips to Stowe, Vermont with the former New Britain Ski Club. Adventurous and daring, as a young woman she enjoyed a flight from New York City to Brainard Field, landing in a grass pasture. She also loved ballooning and flying in a glider even into her early 80's.

Rose loved fashion and had an extraordinary sense of style. She was always committed to looking her best, presenting an image of grace, elegance, sophistication, and class.

Rose was a loving and sustaining presence in the lives of her nieces and nephews. Mourning the loss of their beloved Auntie Rose are two nieces, Judith Pera Giguere and her husband, David, of Lawrenceville, GA; Denise L. R. Pera of New Britain and Orlando, FL; and a nephew, Richard J. Pera and his wife, Mary Jo, of Washington, D.C.; and four grand nephews.

Funeral services are Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 10:00AM at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain.

Memorial donations may be made to South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 and designated for the Assyrian Memorial Parlor Fund. The Carlson Funeral Home in New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com .

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

South Church
90 Main Street
New Britain, CT