



Shiley Johnston Smedberg

June 19, 1920 - May 16, 2005

Shirley Johnston Smedberg, 84, of Southington, passed away Monday May 16, 2005 at New Britain General Hospital. Born on June 19, 1920 in Enfield, Mass, one of the towns in the Swift River Valley which were later taken over by the State of Massachusetts to form the Quabbin Reservoir. She was the only child of Walter and Mary Lisk Johnston.

Shirley lived in New Britain most of her life, moving to Southington with her son and daughter in-law in 1985. She graduated from New Britain High School, Class of February 1938 and from American International College in Springfield, Mass in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Following her graduation from College, she was a secretary at Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford for 9 years. In later years, from 1974 to 1987 she was an instructor at Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens, which was then located on Franklin Square. She has been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in New Britain since 1932 and was a member of CCARC for many years.

Shirley's family and friends were the most important part of her life. She leaves her devoted and beloved daughter, Mary Smedberg of New Britain; her devoted and beloved son and daughter in-law John "Jack" Smedberg Jr and Laurie Lathrop Smedberg of Southington; her dearly-loved grandson, Christopher Smedberg of Southington; many cousins and dear friends.

Funeral services are Friday 12 noon at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield, Mass. Calling hours are Friday morning from 11 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Trinity United Methodist Church, 19 Chestnut Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to CCARC 950 Slater Road, New Britain, CT 06053. Please share a memory of Shirley with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.