



## Shirley (Canfield) Hiser

August 8, 1928 - November 4, 2019

Shirley (Canfield) Hiser, 91, of New Britain, widow of Gaylord Hiser Jr., passed away Monday (November 4, 2019) at UConn Health Center. Born in Farmington, she lived in New Britain the past 65 years. A graduate of Farmington High School, class of 1946, she was employed in the payroll department at Travelers for 32 years, retiring in 1986. Shirley was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain, where she was a Communion Server, a member of the Altar Guild and worked at the Wednesday Night Pasta Suppers. She also delivered for Meals On Wheels.

Surviving are two daughters, Gail Piatek and her husband Richard of Bristol, and Debra Keenan and her husband James of South Glastonbury; and a special friend, like a daughter, Diane Chase of New Britain. She also leaves three grandchildren, Kristin Bergenty and her husband William of Farmington, Lindsey Ferguson and her husband Geoffrey of Bristol; and Ryan Keenan of South Glastonbury; four great grandchildren, Charles, Avery and Reagan Bergenty and Jack Ferguson; as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Gaylord, she was predeceased by two brothers, William and Matthew Canfield and three sisters, Anna Mae McMahon, Catherine Raymond and Mildred Hawes. Shirley's family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the entire staff at the UConn Medical Center for all of their loving care shown to Shirley.

Funeral services are Saturday 11 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a reception in the church hall. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

NOV 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

### Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Lutheran Church  
77 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry this is late coming to you.. I knew your mother Shirley during my youth. She was very good friends with my sister Toula Coutsouridis (née Tragakiss). I am Vicki Bernstein (née) Tragakiss..I believe that she and my sister took care of me as a child.  
I am sorry for your loss.  
God bless you all..

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**vicki tragakiss bernstein** - February 22, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ We send our condolences as members of the New Britain Senior Center. Our memories of Shirley are many spent in craft room. Shirley contributed much to our group for many years. She was always giving and in all ways she could. She always shared her joy of her special needs grandson with us. St Peter will cookies ready for her.

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**Chris and Nancy** - November 11, 2019 at 12:08 PM

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“ I will miss my dear friend Shirley. We made so many fond memories. Shirley was a very giving person helping anyone who needed it. Rest my dear friend you lived a life well lived.and I will miss you. 💕💕 Your friend..Eileen Buys

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**Eileen Buys** - November 08, 2019 at 10:39 PM