



Shirley Darling Hoffman

June 13, 1925 - September 8, 2015

Shirley Darling Hoffman, 90, of New Britain, widow of Raymond F. Hoffman, passed away Tuesday September 8, 2015 at Arbor Rose in New Britain. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Nellie Jackson and Guy L.A. Darling, she was a graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1944. Shirley was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church of New Britain until its closing in 2007. She was a very active and committed member for over seventy years serving on various committees including United Methodist Women, Mary Circle, Parsonage Committee and Kitchen Committee where she was found most of the time preparing food for so many occasions. Shirley was a member of Alpha Mu, her Girl Scout Troop, whose members remained together for over seventy years. This group included first, second, third and fourth generations who still get together. Shirley and Ray enriched their children's lives with wonderful family vacations to Lake Champlain and Rocky Neck State Park, traditions that still continue. After Ray's retirement, they traveled by train through Canada to Alaska, attended Ray's Army re-unions throughout the US but their favorite place was Hawaii. Shirley will be lovingly remembered for her untiring dedication to her family, friends, faith and her wonderful cooking. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Surviving is a daughter, Linda Hoffman-Keith of Avon; two sons, Bruce Hoffman and his wife Virginia of Bethlehem, and Guy Hoffman and his wife Dawn of Berlin; a brother, Jack Darling and his wife Patricia of MA, and much

loved nieces and nephews. She also leaves eight loving grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, James Keith and his wife Mary and children, Ashley, Saige, Aiden and Robert Raymond of Ferrum, VA; Melanie Clark and her husband Joseph and their son Owen of Torrington; Scott Keith and his daughter Kaylee of Nashville, TN; Heidi Dalton and her husband Brad and their sons, Huck and Rhett of Henry, VA; Rebecca Jolly and her husband Nicholas and their daughter Genevieve of Mequon, WI; Stephanie Hoffman and her fiancé Greg Szymczak of Southbury; Allison Wright and her husband Kevin of Charleston, SC; and Lindsey Hoffman of Berlin, as well as her longtime caregiver and friend, Beata Blumes and cat Lucky. Besides her husband and parents, Shirley was predeceased by her brother Robert Darling, her sister and best friend Lois Richards, in-laws Frederick and Agnes Hoffman, and sister-in-law Mae Hoffman.

Calling hours are Saturday Sept 19, 2015 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. A Memorial Service will follow the burial Saturday 12 Noon at the United Methodist Church of Newington, 401 New Britain Avenue, Newington. Memorial donations may be made to Hartford Healthcare At Home Hospice Care, 300 Queen Street, Southington, CT 06489 or a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *"In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul." ~Psalm 94:19*

So many memories, so many thoughts! In the midst of it all, may our Lord Jesus Christ be your comfort and delight.

*Praying for you and your family,
Michael, Diana, Emily and Erica Steinson*

Diana Steinson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *On behalf of Girl Scouts of Connecticut, we offer our condolences for the passing of your loved one, who was a sister in Girl Scouting. Her dedication to girls was remarkable and respected by all. We offer you our sincerest thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Mary Barneby, CEO*

Mary Barneby - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *" He heals the brokenhearted: He binds up their wounds."-Psalm 147:3; jw.org*

My condolences. You and your family are in my prayers.

Jimmy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Blessings for a good woman who shared her talents with her Church and community.

Alan & Janice Krauss - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Very sorry for your'e loss..

Doug DelBiondo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Linda, I am sorry to read that your mother passed and extend to you and your family my deepest sympathy. Peace and love to you all.

Sally Dengenis, and my children, too; Keith and Linda

Sally Dengenis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Guy and Dawn, I am sorry to read about your mother's passing. Although it's been a long time since we have been in touch, I often think of you fondly, and wish you comfort at this sad time.

Sandy Rocks Cunningham - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Shirley is now with Ray... We have so many fond Alpha Mu memories, what a wonderful childhood the Alpha Mu ladies gave us all...

Thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Laurie - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM