



Shirley (Penney) Rathbun

May 7, 1936 - September 19, 2018

Shirley (Penney) Rathbun, 82, of New Britain, widow of Charles "Bill" Rathbun, passed away Wednesday (September 19, 2018) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in Boston, MA, Shirley has been a lifelong New Britain resident. She was employed at Woolworths in Berlin for 10 years and more recently Family Dollar in New Britain until retiring in 1998. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain.

Surviving are four sons, Raymond Leidel of New Britain; David Leidel of Cheyenne, WY; Bryan Rathbun and his wife Lisa of Bristol; and James Rathbun and his wife Shelley of Rochester, NH; two daughters, Brenda Stedman and her husband Wayne of Berlin; and Tami Wiley and her husband Ricky of New Britain; a sister, Helen Splendore of Manchester, NH; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. Besides her husband Charles, she was predeceased by 5 brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services are Tuesday 10 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main street, New Britain. Burial is private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Monday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
147 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Tribute Wall

Peggy
Burton

“ *Peggy Burton lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Penney) Rathbun*



Peggy Burton - September 23, 2018 at 07:31 AM

BR

“ *Bev Rouse lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Penney) Rathbun*



Bev Rouse - September 22, 2018 at 04:17 PM

BR

Shirley we became instant friends at bingo you were so a sweet lady be happy with your hubby in heaven & make sure he makes you your rum cake,rest in peace

Bev Rouse - September 22, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ Mom u were the strong one in the family now u r my sunshine my angel mom who' Am I going to get haircut and go out to dinner u all ways loved food or Wayne taking u to the bowling alley the senior he's going miss his bacon cheese burger mom I primiss I will be good and I won't post any bad thing on Facebook lol I love u with my whole heart witch it's breaking as I speak o and give Dad a kiss for me and tell everyone in heaven we love them all I love u my angel so for now r I p I love u more then life itself so rest my mom and I will see u soon now I can say GOODBYE For now ur first daughter brenda



Brenda Stedman - September 22, 2018 at 03:09 PM

PV

“ My sincere condolences to the family, she will be sorely missed. She was an amazing woman of faith, she was very kind and loving. I was always greeted with a good morning Pastor Bob and a smile every time I saw her on Sunday mornings when I was setting up for my services. We loose a great one and Heaven gains an Angel. You will be missed but never forgotten. 🙏❤️📖

Pastor Bob Vonaa - September 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM

TW

“ Mom you are my hero always any person you meant you touched there lives I will continue to make you proud and I will always love you you where a amazing mom nana and a friend this is the hardest thing I have been through but I'm being strong cause that is what you would want. Please give Daddy a KISS for me and whenever it thunders I will know you just bowled a strike I will always be your little girl till we meet again love you Mom ❤️

Tami Wiley - September 21, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ Nana I'm going to miss our dates once a week bring u to what're restaurant u choose no one could ever replace hour time together but I promise you I will keep this family together like u had it I love u so much Nana

Chris Leidel - September 21, 2018 at 03:35 AM

SV

“ Love ya Nana. May you be at peace with your husband. I know you wished to be here for me and Chris's Wedding next year, but I know your spirit will always be around your family. Going to miss you..



Shelly Valentine - September 21, 2018 at 03:33 AM

AH

“ Me and my twin sister lived across the street from Shirley and tami for over 10 yrs. Myself and twin sister would sleep over there house a lot and Shirley loved her some twins so always called us her daughters. She loved us like her own. And I want to send my deepest sympathy and prayers to tami and her family in this time of need. Shirley was amazing and loved by the twins. Sip Shirley. Love always Angela Paladino (Love ur Twins).

Angela Harris - September 20, 2018 at 11:42 PM

CL

Thank you Angela

Chris Leidel - September 21, 2018 at 03:31 AM

TW

Thank you ❤️ She loved you

Tami Wiley - September 21, 2018 at 07:00 AM

AM

“ Amy Morrill lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Penney) Rathbun



Amy Morrill - September 20, 2018 at 11:04 PM

TW

Thank you

Tami Wiley - September 21, 2018 at 02:54 PM

DP

“ My memories of Aunty Shirley are all happy, fun stories. Always smiling, laughing, and always ready to give a warm hug. Your smile, laughter, positive attitude, and love will be truly missed. RIP Aunty Shirley.

Diane Penney-Brown - September 20, 2018 at 10:32 PM

WL

“ Shirley was such a fun and happy friend, we bowled together, and shared many fun memories there... I'm sure she and Bill are happy to be reunited, their love was so strong... they gave so much love to all their children and grandchildren... you were so blessed to be loved and raised by her... my love and thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time... her infectious laugh will be remembered forever... Rest In Peace Shirley... some day we shall bowl that perfect game together... ❤️ Wendy Lentini

wendy lentini - September 20, 2018 at 10:23 PM

RL

“ Raymond Leidel lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Penney) Rathbun



Raymond leidel - September 20, 2018 at 09:36 PM

Jimbo
Rathbuns

“ R.I.P Love you mom say hi to dad give him a kiss for me love you



Jimbob Rathbuns - September 20, 2018 at 08:50 PM

CF

“ Candice L Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Penney) Rathbun



candice I fletcher - September 20, 2018 at 08:29 PM

CF

May the flame burn brightly to show you the way of love and life. She was a very special lady to all she met. Remember her love of life and Family that was always important to her she will be missed but always a light in your hearts forever.

candice I fletcher - September 20, 2018 at 08:33 PM

AM

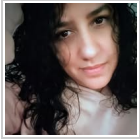
I meet her a couple of times and she was so funny. I send my condolences to the whole family and I say a prayer.
Amy Morrill

Amy Morrill - September 20, 2018 at 11:03 PM

MG

“ *Your mom's Spirit will always be watching over you!! Cherish all your beautiful memories you've made. Hope it brings you comfort and brings you peace. God bless you all!!*

Marie Giuliani - September 20, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Penney was such a sweet woman, she was my Girl scout Leader. Me and Tami grew up together and I was always at her house. Penney always welcomed me into her home.*

Irma Diaz - September 20, 2018 at 05:55 PM

JL

“ *I remember the times we would sit together and watch Barney every morning and eat strawberry oatmeal (extra watery) haha our favorite I love you nana you'll always be my queen and I will make you proud I will tell me future kids what a great nana you were. I knew your wish was for me to have kids but don't worry I will and I'll tell them all about you and the memories we have together my guardian angel my beautiful queen I love you more than life . You princess ❤️*
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Jessica Leidel - September 20, 2018 at 05:17 PM