



## Stephanie Kochanowsky

March 17, 1938 - September 12, 2008

Stephanie Kochanowsky, 70, widow of Andrew Kochanowsky, died September 12th at Hartford Hospital. She was born in Sanoczeck, Poland on March 17, 1938. She came to the U.S. when she was 10 and resided in New Britain with her parents Katherine Seaman and Michael Mishko, both deceased. She was a graduate of Grace New Haven School of Nursing where she received her RN. She has practiced nursing since then in Waterbury, Torrington, and Bristol retiring from Bristol Hospital's Families First in 2003. She married Andrew Kochanowsky Jr. in May of 1959 and they resided in Thomaston for 40 years.

She leaves behind four children, Scott, Kim, Todd and Beth; eight grandchildren, Jason, Bobby, Shanell, Melissa, Gunnar, Griffon, Josh, and Ally; two great grandchildren, along with many other loving relatives and friends.

Stephanie was a longtime member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain, where she was one of the original church school teachers. She has served as Corresponding Secretary for the Church Council, and has been a longtime member of St. Olga's Sisterhood. Stephanie will be missed and remembered as a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Funeral services are Monday 9:30 AM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in the church

cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain and Monday morning 8:45 AM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Youth Ministry. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ I will miss Stephanie, This woman was one of a kind. Always there when you were in need. Always there to welcome you in to her home. She was my Aunt. Many years ago when I was younger and I lost my father. I was sitting and I started to crying Aunt Stephanie came over to my side and sat with me while I wept. She was always there in any ones time of need I will miss her dearly. I pray for all of her family and her children the loss of a parent is very hard I hope her memory heals there pain. and I will miss this wonderful woman I called aunt . I will miss you....

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**Kelly** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Stephanie was a dear mentor to me at Cook Willow Health Center when I first started there and we had many wonderful nights working together.  
She helped bring my children into the world and I will never forget her. She was truly special and made a difference in my life.

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**Ashley and Norman Merritt** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Kim, Buffy, Todd, and Scott,  
I worked with your mom at Bristol Hospital for many years. She was not only my colleague but grew to be a dear, close friend as well. There were many snowy, wintery nights that I slept in her guestroom after work because the weather was too bad to drive home. My son and I shared a wonderful road trip to Sanibel Island, Florida with your mom just a few years ago. Her house on Stearns Street was my last overnight stop this past November before I moved to Florida. She was supposed to come down and see me this fall.

Even though I only met Kim a couple of times and Buffy once, I feel as though I knew you all. I say this because your mom talked about all of you all the time. She had pictures of all of you on the refrigerator. I don't think a work day or visit went by without your mom telling us about one grandchild or another and what each had accomplished. She was so proud of all of you.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I wish I could be there to honor your mom at this time.

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**Betsy Riedel** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Buffy,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family; I will keep you all in my prayers. Your mom was a wonderful woman, cherish the memories.

Roxanne Orloski McCann

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**Roxanne McCann** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ We will always hold a special memory of Stephanie as she helped welcome our daughter Mackenzie into the world. She was there for one of the greatest times in our lives and for that she forever has a special place in our hearts. love, Sam and Amy

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**Samuel and Amy Gizzie** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Scott, Kim, Todd and Beth:  
My deepest sympathies are with you. I always have fond memories of us playing together when you visited your grandparents who I was lucky enough to live across the street from. Your Mom was always so sweet and would always give you guys that "one more minute" for us to finish up whatever game we were playing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,

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**Barbara Chorzempa** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My dearest children,  
Several years ago I spoke with a woman who had recently lost her mother. They had had a difficult relationship and she was trying to decide what her mother's legacy to her was. She decided that it was to not put condiments on the table in the store containers. Initially, that's funny but, in truth, it's tragic.  
Ketchup, salad dressing and creamer were often in their store containers when we sat down at your mom's table. But they accompanied an agape meal, a banquet of love, to which all were welcome: family, friends and, as you remember, many, many strangers.  
The love that was served at that table permeated all of her relationships. All of us who were part of her life, short-term or long-term, were blessed with that love. John, I and our family shared that love for decades. Above all, she loved you and your families with a mother's passion. That unselfish love is her legacy to you.  
She and I often spoke of what a gift of God our friendship was. We shared a path for more than 50 years filled with raucous laughter, devastating sadness and all of the emotions in between. While we will no longer walk side by side, I will carry her love in my heart until my path also ends.  
I love you all with all my heart.  
Cynthia

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Cynthia Sirick - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM