



## Teresa "Grace" Fuller

May 16, 1932 - August 16, 2024

Teresa Grace Fuller, known affectionately as "Grace", passed away on August 16, 2024, at the age of 92 in Southington, CT. Born in New Britain, CT on May 16, 1932, as T "Grace" Firnhaber. Grace graduated from The Teachers College of New Britain (CCSU), University of Hartford as a primary grade educator. She dedicated her life to education, teaching elementary school students for thirty-eight years in the West Hartford Public Schools. Grace was twice honored as Teacher of the Year and selected as 1992 "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" a testament to her profound impact on her students and colleagues. She is remembered as a caring and influential educator whose stories of worldwide travel enriched many lives.

Grace was a passionate traveler, an avid photographer where she loved old forts and gardens. She took delight with her time in the kitchen preparing teas, baked goods and of course tuna noodle casserole. She was a member of the New Britain CT Ski Club and the Berlin ski slope. Her love for skiing, snorkeling, and church retreats at Star Island reflected her adventurous spirit. Grace spent many years on the Berlin – Kensington YMCA Board of Directors. She was a long-standing member of the Kensington Congregational Church, where she was deeply involved in community activities.

She leaves behind her sister, Betty Buffington of Mawah, NJ; nephews and nieces Karen (Matthew) Kutzin, Douglas (Kristi) Buffington, Nancy (Stephen) Gaies, Peter (Tracy) Buffington, Star (Wayne) Bricker, Faith Maupin and Dawn (Richard) Madden; stepsons, Dr. J Barden Fuller (Kathy) and Russ Fuller

(Rhona) both of Southington, CT; stepdaughter, Nancy Fuller Clemmons (Eddie) of Hudson, FL; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one on the way. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, John B Fuller; her parents, Henry and Theresa Wratny Firnhaber; and her brother, H J "Hank" Firnhaber Jr.

A Memorial Service of Remembrance will be held Saturday (Nov 2, 2024) 10 AM at Kensington Congregational Church, 312 Percival Avenue, Kensington, CT 06037. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kensington Congregational Church Memorial Parish House Fund. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Grace's legacy as an educator and her zest for life will be cherished and remembered by all who knew her.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

**Private Location**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kensington Congregational Church  
312 Percival Avenue  
Kensington, CT 06037