



Virginia "Jini" Vater

June 9, 1944 - November 29, 2004

Virginia R. Vater, 60, of New Britain died Monday November 29, 2004 at her home. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Alfred and Ruth Hewitt Vater, she was a former West Hartford resident, moving to New Britain in 1975. A graduate of Conard High School, Class of 1962, she received her Bachelors Degree from Antioch College in Ohio, and a Masters Degree from the University of Hartford. "Jini" was employed at the state of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services in Hartford for 20 years, retiring in 1997. A member of South Congregational-First Baptist Church, she served on numerous church committees; was a 21 year member of the Chancel Choir; and was the present church historian.

Surviving is her longtime friend and housemate, Patricia Brossart; a brother, Thomas Vater of Los Angeles, CA; two uncles, Carl T. Hewitt and Edward Vater and his wife Ann, all of New Britain; and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held Thursday 10 AM at South Congregational-First Baptist Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in the church memorial garden. Calling hours will be held Wednesday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Church North Room Window Restoration Fund or to the Chancel Choir at the church. Please share a memory of "Jini" on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of the page.

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“ I remember my first meeting with Jini. I was just being hired at South Church and I had to sit in front of the entire Personnel Board while they went around the table and asked me any questions they wished. When we got to Jini, I thought to myself, "I'd better answer this one 'right'." Jini had a very serious look to her that made me a little nervous. After getting to know Jini and her "sister" Trish, I enjoyed every single visit that brought them to the church. I often went to them for advice and always came out thinking, "Why didn't I think of that?!" I will always remember Jini for her quick wit and wonderfully warm personality. I will miss her dearly.

Stacey Albert - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew Jini for many years, starting back when we worked part-time at a drugstore together. She always wore her hair in a bun, and covered it with what I came to call a "bun warmer" - it was crocheted by her Mom, Ruth, and was always colored-coordinated to her outfit.

I have Jini to thank for helping me get a start in Journalism. I called Bart Fisher at The Herald, and was hired as a stringer. My first assignment was Newington football. I was excited, but scared, too. So I went to Jini's house and told her what I had done. Matter-of-factly, she said she would go to the game with me on Saturday afternoon, and that I would come to her house on Sunday afternoon, and she would help me write my first article. That continued on for a few more games - our collaborative effort. And then I got comfy doing it myself.

Jini's family always treated me like one of the family, and for that I am eternally grateful.

I can still hear her say, Hi, Kath."

And after she decided to cut her hair - and do away with the bun and the bun warmer, she matter-of-factly told me I needed to cut mine.

I always counted on Jini to tell me what I needed to hear, not what I wanted to hear. She was a true and good friend.

Kathleen Pulek - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Ellen and I are saddened to hear of Jini's passing. We are confident, however, that she is with her Lord. We are also thankful for her long time friend Trish Brossart, who selflessly dedicated her time and energy in caring for Jini throughout Jini's time of illness. We are thankful that Jini is free of pain, but saddened that she is no longer with us. May we as a people of God carry on her legacy of service with the joy and "can do" spirit Jini possessed.

Our prayers for comfort are with Trish and the family. May our God of Peace and Comfort abide with you.

Halena and Ellen

Halena Sajko - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM