



Wanda Martha Zitzkat

December 26, 1907 - June 11, 2005

Wanda Martha Zitzkat, 97, of New Britain was called to her heavenly home Saturday June 11, 2005. Formerly of Upton Street, New Britain, Wanda resided in Niantic for the past two years with her son Donald Zitzkat and his wife Ginny. Wanda was an avid fisherman and gardener, who devoted her time to nurturing her vegetable garden and weeding in her flower beds. She would often be found taking a catnap in the garage on a hot summer day, or bent over the strawberry plants wearing her favorite straw hat. Wanda lived through the Great Depression and would spend many hours relating stories of hard times. She was devoted to family, especially her grandson Derek, and attended all our family functions until just recently. We will miss her, but we will also find solace knowing she is now resting in peace. Besides her son Don and her wife, she also leaves two sons Art Schmelter and his wife Iona of New Britain and Richard Schmelter of Vernon; a brother, Ernie Greger of Cromwell; 13 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; and her good neighbors, Angie and Veronica. Wanda was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church; It's Lady's Aid Society and the former Schutzen Park Society.

Funeral services are Tuesday 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday evening from 6 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Building Fund, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory of Wanda with her family on our online guestbook by

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“ *The true spirit that your Mom showed throughout her life was such an inspiration to others. Her love of God's earth showed in her passion for gardening. We all remember how she loved to go fishing too! As our lives have all taken different paths, we often fondly remember "the old days" and some of the family gatherings, complete with a jar of herrings, your Mom's favorite. We can just imagine how she loved being in Niantic. She must have had such joy just by being there and smelling the salt air. She appreciated everything.*

As a Mom, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister and Sister In Law, she wore many hats, and wore them all well! Being a widow for so many years, she taught everyone how to be strong in the face of sadness. It will be an adjustment for all who were close to her. We know that she is at peace now in the hands of Our Lord. When she left the "shores" of earth we were all sorry to see her go, but remember...as with a ship leaving a port, we wave goodbye with sadness...but over the horizon, there is another "shore" where everyone is eagerly greeting her, and so excited that she has arrived.

We all wish you peace in your hearts, and comfort in her loss.

Love, Aunt Gertrude, Sandy, Dave & Kari Cifone

Gertrude Zitzkat & The Cifone Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Farewell dear mother and friend. We already miss you more than anyone can imagine. For 42 years you have been part of our life. You were generous and thoughtful, always there with advice. You took family vacatons with us, babysat our four sons, and taught us the meaning of hard work. We will always remember the famous 90th birthday swim in the ocean. Rest peacefully, mom, in the beautiful gardens of heaven. All our love forever.

Ginny and Don Zitzkat - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM