



## Winnifred (Stairs) Sala

September 25, 1919 - January 10, 2018

Winnifred Tressa (Stairs) Sala, 98, of New Britain, loving wife for over 60 years of Raymond Peter Sala, who predeceased her on October 19, 2006, died on January 10, 2018. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, September 25, 1919, she was the loving and devoted daughter of Frank Leigh Stairs and Bessie Ida (Dunlap) Stairs and the oldest sibling, 4 of whom remain: Eugene (Dolores) Stairs and Ronald (Nancy) Stairs of Canada, and Bernard (Minabel) Stairs and Ethel Antworth of Maine. She married Ray on August 7, 1946, in New Brunswick and they began their life together in Hartford, CT, moving to New Britain in 1951. Winnie worked as a waitress at a number of well-known restaurants for many years. On March 14, 1970, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and served Jehovah God faithfully and joyfully for 48 years actively preaching the good news until her death.

She also leaves her beloved family including son and daughter-in-law Raymond Leigh Sala and Gloria (Salvatore) Sala of New Britain, who cared for her for many years while she remained in her home; her two beloved grandsons Timothy Raymond Sala (Lizabeth Jackowitz) of Berlin and Jonathan Leigh Sala, of New Britain, both of whom helped in her care, and Jonathan's son, great grandson, Holden Branford Williams-Sala, 3, whom she adored. She also loved all animals, particularly cats, caring for many feral and rescued cats all her life. Winnie was a strong, generous, kind and gentle woman who will be dearly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 234 Farmington Ave, Berlin, CT on Saturday, January 20, at 3 PM. There are no calling hours. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
234 Farmington Avenue  
Berlin, CT 06037

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Winnifred's passing. I lovingly remember your family visiting at Grammie and Grampie Stairs's when I was little..Both Winnifred and Ray were so loving and caring. I always thought Aunt Winnifred looked just like a movie star. It is such an honor to be a member of a family whose love knows no distance and time. I know Dad (Eugene) spoke to her recently and he and Mom send their condolences also. Even though we cannot be there please know that we will be keeping you and your families in our prayers. ..(your cousin) ..Donna (Stairs) Davidson.

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**Donna Davidson** - January 12, 2018 at 07:23 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to son John, Gloria and grandsons....She spoke of you each time I was with her and loved and adored you all. She so appreciated how you were always there for her without a complaint.  
I love Winnie. We were neighbors for 25 years and became good friends over that time. I will miss her dearly. It is blessing to have her and know her, now and always.  
All my love,  
Bette Johnson her neighbor and friend...

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**Bette Johnson** - January 12, 2018 at 07:30 AM