



helen yinshanis

December 29, 1923 - January 20, 2006

Helen A. Yinshanis 82, passed away peacefully at the Jerome Home in New Britain, Ct on Friday January 20, 2006. She was born on December 29, 1923 in New Britain, the daughter of Antanina (Monkeliunas) Yinshanis and Frank Yinshanis. A lifelong resident of New Britain Helen lived at 99 Dix Ave with her beloved cats, Demelza and Clapper that lived with her for more than a decade. In June of 2003, Helen became a resident of the Jerome Home where she pursued her own interest in word games and engaged other residents in order to help them keep their minds active.

Upon graduating from Central Connecticut State College with a teaching degree, Helen was employed by several local public school systems in Ct. Her teaching career began in Granby in the 1950's, and she later became a highly respected and valued teacher to many students in New Britain. Helen was also an outstanding athlete, who excelled in tennis, bowling, and golf and achieved many awards. She touched the lives of students as a favorite teacher in Nathan Hale and Washington Jr High Schools and New Britain High School. Helen also served as a guidance counselor where she was credited with setting a high standard for her students and encouraging and guiding them towards achieving their goals. Helen will be remembered as a generous, caring teacher and friend to all of her students and those fortunate enough to have known her.

One of three children, she was predeceased by her parents and a brother John. She is survived by another brother Frank G. Shannis and his wife Jean (

Nurczyk) Shannis of Manchester, N.H as well as one niece, Laurie (Shannis) Boerma of Birchrunville, Pa., two nephews, Raymond Shannis of Brownsville, Vt and Francis P. Shannis of Manchester N.H. and their respective spouses, great-grand nieces and nephews, all who loved her dearly and will hold her in their hearts forever. Funeral services will take place on Thursday January 26 at the Venskunas Funeral Home 670 Stanley St New Britain, Ct with a Mass of Christian Burial at St Andrews Church at 11am. Calling hours will be on Thursday from 9:00am until the time of leaving for church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Helens memory can be made to the following animal rescue rehabilitation organization: Out To Pasture, PO Box 310174, Newington, Ct. 06131-0172. To send online condolences please visit our website at venskunasfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

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JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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NEW BRITAIN, CT