



LORRAINE VENSKUNAS BRUEMMER

January 13, 2006

Lorraine Venskunas Bruemmer of New Britain passed away Friday January 13, 2006 at Hartford Hospital. A life long resident of New Britain she was the beloved wife of 33 years of Jay Porter Bruemmer and was the daughter of the late Anthony G. Venskunas and Mary (Kritchum) Venskunas. She was a graduate of Mt St Joseph Academy in West Hartford and then graduated from Columbia University in New York where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She also graduated from St Francis School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse and then graduated from the University of Hartford with a Master of Education degree. Lorraine was a teacher of nursing at New Britain General Hospital and was also Head Supervisor of the hospital. . She worked in that capacity until she took over the family funeral business as a licensed funeral director in 1962 when her father passed away. She became the 3rd generation of the Venskunas Funeral Home which was started in 1928. Lorraine was also the owner of Stanley Memorials. She was also a New Britain Board of Health Commissioner for many years and also owned and operated Bruemmer Venskunas Real Estate as a real estate broker for many years. Lorraine was in The Marquis Who's Who of American Woman Publications 1987/1988. She was a member of Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, and the New Britain Fuenral Directors Association, The Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington and St Andrews Church. Both Lorraine and her husband Jay are Honorary Trustees of the New Britain Museum of American Art.

Besides her husband Jay Porter Bruemmer, Lorraine is survived by her beloved daughter Linda L. Sovak who is the 4th generation in the Venskunas Funeral Home and is also the owner of Central Monuments. She also leaves her beloved grandoggies Curtis, Amber, Chiquita and Chrissy and her grankitty Charlie. Lorraine had a love of life and was actively working right up to the time of her death. She built the new funeral home facility in 1999 which was one of her ultimate goals. Lorraine and her husband Jay traveled extensively thru their married life even though Lorraine would always say "there's no place like home". Lorraine has a framed verse in her funeral home which expresses how her family feels..... If Tears Could Build A Stairway And Memories A Lane I'd Walk Right Up To Heaven And Bring You Home Again.

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday January 18th at the Venskunas Funeral Home 670 Stanley St New Britain followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11am at St Andrews Church. Entombment will follow in St Mary Cemetery Mausoleum. Calling hours will be Wednesday morning from 8:15 AM until the time of leaving for church. In lieu of flowers donations in Lorraine's memory can be made to an animal rescue rehabilitation organization Out To Pasture and Rescue Inc. PO Box 310174 Newington, Conn 06131-0174 For online condolences please go to venskunasfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Venskunas Funeral Home
670 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT

Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
396 CHURCH ST
NEW BRITAIN, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda, My deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers during this time. May God bless you and yours. Lorena*##imported-begin##Lorena##imported-end##

January 24, 2006 at 02:56 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing Linda. My deepest sympathies to you all. May God bless her, you, and your family.*##imported-begin##Mike##imported-end##

January 24, 2006 at 12:48 PM



“ *We were deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of our dear friend Lorraine. She was an extraordinary, delightful woman whose exceptional professional skills were matched only by her warmth and compassion. As she has guided our family through its darkest days, may our love and sympathy comfort her own family at this sad time.*

Helen Meize Ausanka

Joe and Liz Ausanka

Joellyn Ausanka

Jackie Ball##imported-begin##*The Ausanka and Meize Families*##imported-end##

January 20, 2006 at 09:12 PM



“ Dear Lori,

I just last night learned of your mom's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. My prayers are with you.

In sympathy,

Teri##imported-begin##Teri Antonini##imported-end##

January 20, 2006 at 08:08 AM



“ *I just learned today of Lorraine's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.*

She guided, she listened, she cared . . . she touched my heart and helped to strenghten me.##imported-begin##Sharon Moulton##imported-end##

January 19, 2006 at 08:49 PM



“ *Life is precious. Savor every moment. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Carol Davis##imported-end##*

January 19, 2006 at 01:04 PM



“ *Dear Jay and Linda:*

We were so sadden to hear of Lorraine passing. She was such a kind person and always thought of everyone first. She was such a good friend of the Eitvdas Family and just recently helped us with our father's funeral. She always called every once in a while to check and see how everyone was doing. She was a very thoughtful person and we will greatly miss her. Our deepest sympathy to Jay and Linda. Love, Jim and Diane Eitvydas###imported-begin##Diane and Jim Eitvydas###imported-end##

January 16, 2006 at 08:18 PM



“ *Dear Linda and Family: My mother Ann and I are deeply sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a kind, compassionate and beautiful Lithuanian girl. My mother and her sisters remember her from their childhoods and that she was part of St. Andrews Church, which was central to their lives. I remember how comforted I was when she helped our family with my father's funeral arrangements...she had such a tender way about her.*

I always enjoyed talking with your Mom, even when I would see her in the grocery store. I remember her telling me to stop by and see her sometime. How I will regret that I didn't get the chance to do that...I could have learned so much from her. I am blessed that she touched my life...there was something about her that I just loved. I think she was an angel on earth--that is how I would best describe her. And she had a beautiful smile and a good sense of humor--I told her at a recent funeral that she should write a book about her experiences as a funeral director (I think my mother was mortified that I said that, but your mother was so easy to talk with). I am so sorry she is gone--so soon and so quickly. God bless you and your family. You were truly blessed to have such a special mother. Treasure her memory.

Nancy Noreika-Blau###imported-begin###Nancy Noreika Blau and Ann Noreika###imported-end##

January 16, 2006 at 02:12 PM



“ Our sympathies go out to the Venskunas Bruemmer family on the sudden loss of Lorraine.

She was a caring and loving person who helped my family cope with the deaths of my uncle and mother. We will all miss her.

Our prayers our with you during this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Tom Sadauskas & Donna Cox##imported-end##

January 16, 2006 at 12:23 PM



“ With our deepest sympathy at the loss of your wife and mother. We were so blessed to have known such a wonderful woman.##imported-begin##Stephen & Mary Kacillas##imported-end##

January 15, 2006 at 07:53 PM