



## Laurel M. Blauvelt

December 8, 1946 - July 9, 2016

Laurel Blauvelt, age 69, of East Haven, CT, died peacefully, surrounded by family on July 9th, at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Laurel was born in New Haven, to Earl and Muriel Faust. After graduating from Wilbur Cross High School, she married Roger Blauvelt, who was serving in the Air Force. With their two children, they lived in bases and sites around the U.S. and the world, with stints in the Philippines, Germany, California, Texas, and Maryland. Their last assignment returned them to Connecticut, to be near family and resume their educations. Laurel obtained a B.S. and M.S. in Nursing from Southern Connecticut State University, and had a vibrant career as a psychiatric nurse and manager for 24 years, at Yale-New Haven Hospital, St. Raphael's, Johns Hopkins, and Bristol Hospital, before retiring in 2011. Nursing was a perfect match for her deep compassion and caring. Laurel was a doting grandmother and constant support to her friends and extended family. She and Roger enjoyed traveling and took many trips to Ireland, Italy, and Costa Rica. Roger passed away in 2011, after they'd been married 45 years. After her retirement, Laurel continued to teach clinical nursing as an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University and Southern Connecticut State University. She very much enjoyed researching her Irish ancestry. She was a member of the Hamden Elks and the Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society. Laurel is survived by her children, Tracy and her husband Patrick Gabridge, of Medford, MA; Gary Blauvelt and his fiancée Stacy Mrozinski Hock, of Branford, CT; two sisters, Patricia Taddei of Branford, CT and Earlene Farrell of Hamden, CT; three grandchildren—Kira, Noah, and Joseph; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Her funeral will be Wednesday, July 13th at 11:00 am in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Calling hours will be open starting at 9:30 am until time of service at 11:00 . The burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd, Branford, CT 06405 or to a charity of one's choice. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)



# Events

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**JUL** **Calling hours** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Sisk Brothers Funeral Home

3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT, US, 06518

**JUL** **Funeral service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Your friends and colleagues at MIT purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Laurel M. Blauvelt.



Your friends and colleagues at MIT - July 11, 2016 at 03:27 PM

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“ Chris Bourg and Diane Doolan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Laurel M. Blauvelt.



Chris Bourg and Diane Doolan - July 11, 2016 at 09:03 AM

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“ Ahhh, Laurel, my love... we thought we'd have you for a bit longer. What were we thinking? We were thinking of how much we loved you, and respected you, and trusted you. And now, you are released and set free. How courageous you were as you trod through Roger's treatment, and then yours. I shall always remember your baseball cap which you wore with impunity, but mostly with your Irish sense of humour. And in doing thus, you were teaching us how to live. I will always remember your embrace of all three of your grandchildren, Kira, Noah and Joseph, and sharing your delight of their unique characters. I will always cherish your non-anxious approach to managing and joining with staff, patients, families and colleagues, especially in often trying situations and circumstances. And I shall always cherish your support for me when my own spirit was broken. Micah 6:8 ~ What does the Lord require of you? Simply to seek justice wherever it may be found, to love tenderly, and walk in relationship, hand in hand. You, my Good Steward, left this world in a much better place, and we have been truly blessed.

Rev. J. Richard Fowler - July 10, 2016 at 10:53 PM

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“ Laurel was my true friend, we shared ma my good times together. She was always there for Me. I spent many a weekend at her house she always made me feel welcome . I will miss her dearly , she was like a sister to me.i want to send my prayers to her family my thoughts are with you. She will be missed by all. Love you laurel XOX Shirley

**shirley sassu** - July 10, 2016 at 08:12 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this. Laurie and I became good friends when we were all stationed in Milford. Kept in touch for several years, so sorry we lost touch, my heartfelt sympathies to Tracy and Gary. May God Bless you both.

**Georgia Hartung** - July 10, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Laurel you will be missed You put up a fight never complain always had a smile on your face was always concerned about others and you always made everyone feel that you we're listening to ever word that they we're saying with deep concern. Our prays go to all the family rest in peace

**Robert & Bonnie Bretko** - July 12, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ The world is a little emptier without you in it but I am sure you are brightening up the Heavens! It was an honor to have known you Laur. Our deepest sympathies to Tracy, Gary and your families.

**Meg Gillin and Dave Howe** - July 12, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ Laurel I am so grateful that I had the honor to know you! Your never ending smile and joyfulness toward all made us all feel special! You will be dearly missed. Rest in peace.

**Kathy Kelsey** - July 13, 2016 at 09:20 AM