



## Bette S. Dinnan

July 18, 1933 - July 30, 2019

Bette Shanley Dinnan, 86, passed away peacefully at CT. Hospice. Bette was the wife of the late James J. Dinnan, and was born in New Haven on July 18, 1933 to the late Matthew and Bella (Stanford) Shanley.

Bette is survived by sons James (Maureen) of Old Lyme, Matthew (Linda) of Hamden, Timothy (Eileen) of Ridgefield, Gerard (Jocelyn) of Arizona, and daughters Therese (Mike) Esposito of Clinton, and Lisbeth (James) Miller of Stamford. Bette is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Katie (Tim) Suden, James (Sarah) Dinnan, Courtney (Dave) Knapp, Erin (Niels) Giffey, Matthew Dinnan, Michael Esposito, Helen Dinnan, Alastair Dinnan, Aidan Esposito, Ryan Dinnan, Nolan Miller, Maguire Dinnan, Liam Dinnan, Garrett Miller, Emma Dinnan, Hayden Miller, Jordan Miller, and great granddaughter, Clare Suden. Also survived by her beloved nieces Katie (Tom) Baker, Ellyn (Rob) Panapoda, Margaret (Chris) Coates, and four grand nephews and a grandniece. Bette was predeceased by her sister Dorothy Shanley Burke and her brother, Rev. Matthew Robert Shanley.

Educated at New Haven State Teachers College, Bette taught at Strong school (New Haven), Meadowside school (Milford), and St. Peters and St. Aedan (New Haven). She was a member of New Haven Gaelic Club, and was a former Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader. Bette was an avid reader, loved the beach and vacationing with her family in Cape Cod.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Branford. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in St.

Lawrence Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to CT. Hospice 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT. 06405. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Church  
Main St.  
Branford, CT

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ I have known Jim and his beautiful wife Bette. I have lived in Westville I think forever. I would see Bette and Jim at St. Aedans, and I remember Jim and Sue when I joined Renew. Later in years, I became a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Comm., and I would go to their home for meetings. I remember Jim and Jim Bohan coming into my office and they wanted me to join them in the Mayors office. The Mayor at the time was John DeStefano. I was so proud that I was chosen. Now Bette and Jim are back together in heaven. The one wonderful thing I remember Bette that she was very much a lady, soft spoken, and a beautiful smile. God Bless you Bette, your were a wonderful teacher, mother, and dedicated to St. Aedans. Rest in peace Bette. Kathleen Causgrove-Flanagan.

Kathleen Flanagan - August 03, 2019 at 02:09 PM

KW

“ Kathleen W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bette S. Dinnan.



Kathleen W. - August 02, 2019 at 03:39 PM

KW

“ Kathleen White lit a candle in memory of Bette S. Dinnan



Kathleen White - August 02, 2019 at 03:32 PM

KW

“ My condolences to the Dinnan Family on the death of Bette Dinnan. Bette was my 8th grade teacher at St. Aedan's School. She was also my Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was a beautiful woman, teacher, and Girl Scout Troop Leader to name a few. Bette will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Bette!

Kathleen White - August 02, 2019 at 03:27 PM

DF

“ Our condolences and prayers for your loss.



Della Porta family - August 01, 2019 at 09:04 AM

SK

“ sue pursell and the pursell kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bette S. Dinnan.



sue pursell and the pursell kids - August 01, 2019 at 08:49 AM

SP

“ to therese and family

*your mom was a great lady. i will always remember our camping trips and hikes with GS. in fact i became a GS leader in great part due to the example set by Mrs. Dinnan and her cohort. she still touches the future as a teacher and leader.*

*she came to my dad's wake last fall and was sweet, caring and FUNNY remembering my dad and their days together in cub scouts. she really made me laugh when i needed it. my condolences on her passing, but i say here's to a life well lived!*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.*

*sue pursell*

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**sue pursell** - August 01, 2019 at 08:43 AM

IL

“ *Tim and family,*

*I was very fond of your mother. My memories are of a wise and respected person; a thoughtful, gracious and caring mother and grandmother.*

*The times during the past 30 years that I had the pleasure of speaking with her, she was always easy to talk and relate to, and kindly took a genuine interest in learning about whatever goings on were happening with me at that time.*

*The bond your family has and great example of family you all are, is a credit to her and your father.*

*I am sad I won't have another opportunity to speak with her, and sad for the pain her passing brings. I am happy for the legacy she has left in her children, family and those close to her. I am happy that she will be with your father in heaven. And I pray that your grief subsides, and all of the memories you have make you smile when ever you think of her.*

*God bless you, Tim and family.*

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**Ian Lundy** - July 31, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bette S. Dinnan.*



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July 31, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bette S. Dinnan.



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July 31, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ *A sympathy card* was purchased for the family of Bette S. Dinnan.



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July 31, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Matt,*

*On behalf of the Turner Family, we send you our warmest prayers and steadfast condolences with your Mom's passing. Please know that another Angel has left us in the physical sense but that just means she will be with you always in the spiritual sense, watching over you and your family, day and night. Graces abound you as you tarry through this time, but know you're loved and you're not alone. We understand little about LIFE but we know our God is not the author of confusion and He is still King of all Kings, reigning supreme, sitting on high and looking down low. Again Matt, from myself, Sherri, Nickalus and Lloyd and the rest of the Turner Family, our Love and Prayers to you and yours and the entire Dinnan Family!*

*- Greg Turner*

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**Marcel Turner** - July 31, 2019 at 07:26 AM