



## Christy Vining Russell

February 16, 1956 - November 25, 2019

Christy Ann Vining Russell, 63 passed away Monday morning, November 25, 2019. Married for 38 years to her husband, Dennis Russell, the two raised their family in Southington. Besides her husband, Christy leaves behind her daughter, Colleen Guertin and husband David (South Windsor, CT), son Aaron Russell and wife Shreya (Seattle, WA), son Michael Russell (Shelton, CT), and grandchildren Caylee & Graham Guertin. Christy also leaves behind her loving brothers and sisters, Peter Vining and wife Mary (Stratford, CT), Thomas Vining (Hamden, CT), Phyllis Vining (Hamden, CT), Andrew Vining (West Haven, CT) and Judi Vining (Quincy, MA). She will be missed by her aunts Margaret Molloy Fitch (Hamden, CT), Jane Molloy Cannon (Cheshire, CT), Mary Molloy (Milford, CT), her nephew Michael Slimack-Vining (Stratford, CT) and many cousins. Christy is predeceased by her parents Russell and Ann (Molloy) Vining of Hamden.

Born February 16, 1956 Christy grew up in Hamden. She graduated from Hamden High in 1974 and attended Eastern Connecticut State College and Stone School of Business. She worked many jobs over her life, including working at her parents' stores Vining's This & That and Vining's Package Store. She had many talents including cooking, sewing and crochet – always making things for her family. Anyone who knew her, knew Christy's greatest loves were her children and grandchildren. She adored her children and was their biggest supporter in all their endeavors. Christy was a loving grandmother to Caylee and Graham and was known to send many care

packages to her grand-puppy Juno.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Saturday at 12:30 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Calling hours are Friday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 3 Landmark Square Suite 330 Stamford, CT 06901. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

NOV **30**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
2819 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dennis and Family. We were saddened to hear about Christy's passing. May the memories of happy times help you at this time of your loss. Dennis your stories about Christmas trees in nearly every room just shows her love of Christmas and making a house a true home. Colleen your Father mentioned how happy she was waiting for her first Grandchild.

Jean & Bob Tamborello

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**Jean Tamborello** - December 02, 2019 at 12:59 PM

LM

“ To the Russell Family; I am so sorry to hear of Christie's passing. She is at peace now. Mike: I just heard about this today (Dec 1) I would have come if I had known. Your mom and I had many chats both face to face, on the phone, and on facebook. Please know that she will live in your family's hearts always.

Lee McLean-Houle

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**Lee McLeanHoule** - December 01, 2019 at 05:16 PM

KM

“ Aunt Christy was always happy to have us visit the family when we were in town. She would always make sure that everyone was taken care of before her. I've been thinking about the whole family and hoping you are all doing okay. It's definitely tough. That's for sure. Love you guys!

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**Keith Mclsaac** - November 30, 2019 at 02:15 PM

BE

“ To all the Vining's I am terribly sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏 Beth Ryan

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**Beth** - November 30, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christy Vining Russell.*



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November 29, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *Leslie Brown & Claude Mallegol purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Christy Vining Russell.*



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**Leslie Brown & Claude Mallegol** - November 29, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Uncle Dennis and family,  
So sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that are thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. She will be missed by many and hope that brings comfort to your hearts. Wish we could be with you during this trying time.*

*All our love, Ben and Leigh Ann*

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**ben and Leigh Ann Russell** - November 29, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *Christy was my counselor at legion field when I was a child, and reconnected with her on Facebook years back. Her love for her family and grandkids was enormous. My deepest sympathy to all her family, rest in peace dear friend. Jacqui Graf Smith*

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**Jacqui Graf Smith** - November 27, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Christy Vining Russell.*



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November 27, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ *Wishing you the peace and comfort of the many happy memories you have. Christy's love for her family was unmatched and beautiful to behold. Thinking of you as you mourn the loss of such an amazing woman.*

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**Pam Koncki** - November 27, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Our history runs so deep. From HHS to Stone Business School. But then we really bonded when I married Frank and we shared "Russ's rules" on Election days. I loved being involved in everything "Vining". Through Facebook, we reconnected, I loved our phone calls, they so bridged the years. Now, there will be no calls, but I will cherish the memories. Rest well my friend, you battled hard, you loved deeply and the world is not so bright without you.*

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**Jane DuBois** - November 27, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ *What can I say? Our families were very close, just like the whole neighborhood. Those days and her being apart of it I shall cherish forever. Your smile and love for family is your trademark. God Bless to family and friends/ Prayers and Love. Those days, so simple and so loving.*

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**Nancy Torello** - November 27, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



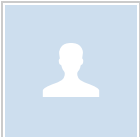
Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - November 27, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ J.P. Morgan Fund Services Operations purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Christy Vining Russell.



J.P. Morgan Fund Services Operations - November 27, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Christy Vining Russell.



November 27, 2019 at 09:52 AM