



## Marie R. Secola

September 26, 1932 - September 5, 2015

Marie R. Secola (Pupello) of Hamden, passed away on September 5th, 2015 at the age of 82. She was the beloved wife of Carl A. Secola, Sr., to whom she was married for 55 years. Born and raised in Manhattan, Marie was the daughter of the late Alphonse J. Pupello and Tina Mortellaro. Marie attended Cathedral High School and graduated summa cum laude from the College of Mount Saint Vincent (1954) with a degree in Biochemistry. She enjoyed a successful career as a chemist for Eastman Kodak Labs in Manhattan. While touring Italy in 1958, she met and fell in love with a fellow American tourist, Carl, of Waterbury, CT. They were married in St. Patrick's Cathedral on September 26th, 1959, and later settled in Hamden, where they built a home, raised their family, and have resided since. Marie was a founding member of the Church of the Ascension, where she served as a former president of the Legion of Mary, a former president of the Parish Council, a teacher of Religious Education, and also created many of the church's liturgical banners. For many years, she served the parish as a Eucharistic Minister and volunteered bringing Communion to patients at both St. Raphael's and Yale New Haven hospitals. Marie was a recipient of the St. Joseph's Medal of Appreciation from the Archdiocese of Hartford. While raising her three children, Marie began her second career as a teacher in the Adult Education program in New Haven. She then developed the curriculum and taught a course in tailoring at Hillhouse High School, where she shared her skills as a talented seamstress and tailor. She went on to teach chemistry, biology, and

physics at Wilcox Tech in Meriden until retiring from the State of CT in 1992. She spent the rest of her life enjoying her seven grandchildren and traveling the world with her husband. Marie was an accomplished cook and baker; her pies and tomato sauce were legendary amongst her friends and loved ones. She enjoyed rooting for her beloved Yankees and the UCONN Women's Basketball team, passions she often shared with her grandchildren. She is survived by her loving children: Carl A. Secola, Jr. (Linda) of Hamden; Christine Ricciardi (Carmine) of Watchung, NJ; and Tina Buonasora (John) of North Haven, and her cherished grandchildren: Carl III and Caroline Secola; Michael and Emilie Ricciardi; and Julie, Lauren, and Rachel Buonasora. She also leaves behind her two brothers: Anthony (Eileen) Pupello of Greensboro, NC; and Francis (Gail) Pupello of Hamden, CT, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral procession will leave Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Saturday morning at 9:30 for The Church of The Ascension, 1050 Dunbar Hill Rd, Hamden where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00. Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours at the Funeral Home will be Friday from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marie's memory may be made to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, P.O.Box 28, Hartford, CT 06141. ([www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)) [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.  
North Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

SEP 11. 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

SEP 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Ascension  
1040 Dunbar Hill Rd  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ Carl and family: My deepest sympathy to you during this difficult time. May you find comfort knowing that Marie is now in the arms of our Lord.  
Peace be with you,  
Vivian Orie (from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Vivian Orie - September 13, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the arms of your loved ones. Love, The Shields Family

Kevin Shields - September 11, 2015 at 10:53 AM



Marie will always be remembered fondly and truly be missed. May your memories bring you peace and comfort. Love, Debbie and Michael Rosenow

Debbie Rosenow - September 12, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marie R. Secola.



September 10, 2015 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Sorry for your loss*

*Linda Disorbo*

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**LINDA DISORBO** - September 10, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *79 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Sisk Brothers Funeral Home** - September 10, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marie R. Secola.*



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September 10, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marie R. Secola.*



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September 10, 2015 at 07:28 AM



“ *Secola Family, so sorry to read that Marie passed on. Marie was a kind and very thoughtful. .we volunteered together at Saint Rachael's as Eucharistic Ministers always very helpful.*

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**Walter O'Brien** - September 10, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marie R. Secola.*



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September 08, 2015 at 09:22 PM