



## Theresa Festa

August 27, 1917 - May 30, 2013

In Virginia May 30, 2013 Theresa Avitabile Festa 95, formerly of Hamden. Wife of the late Michael Andrew Festa. Loving mother of Elizabeth Festa Watson, Maria (Dave Frieder) Festa Carter and Michael A. (Laura Hester) Festa, Jr. Grandmother of Douglas (Stephanie) Gormley, Jennifer (Mark) Beckey, Conway Carter, Kali Carter, Ashley (Austin) Ariail, Michael Festa, III, James Festa and Patrick Festa, Great Grandmother of Tess and Ruby Gormley, Tanner and Brynn Beckey, and step grandmother of Sarah Tatum.

Predeceased by brothers Alberico Avitabile and Joseph Avitable and a sister Carmela (Millie) Mascola. Mrs. Festa was born in New Haven August 27, 1917 daughter of the late Alberico and Maria (Gallucci) Avitabile. She retired as secretary after many years at the Helen St. School in Hamden. Theresa was a parishioner of The Church of St. Stephen for over 60 years. She was an avid knitter and great cook. Her funeral will leave Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Tuesday at 9:30 am, Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in The Church of St. Stephen. Burial in Centerville Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 5 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to Gaylord Pulmonary Care P.O. Box 400 Wallingford, 06492. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ To my Dear Tessie "my 2nd mother", Where do I begin, 55 years ago I moved to London Dr. While moving in I spotted Michael your son. We both had toy guns and starting playing cowboys shooting at each other that very day. Instantly we became best friends and soon you were my 2nd mother. Your life was filled with love, generosity, and true care for others in such a special way that will never leave us. I am so so grateful for your call four months ago after my dads passing. More importantly to get to speak to you after all these years was so special to me. Everytime we would visit Connecticut my son Joseph would always say "Are we going to see grandma Tessie." The homemade treats you would serve would always stick with Joseph and everyone that ever knew you. What I am also grateful is when you were able to see pictures of my 1st grandson Joseph and as the Tessie I know you we're so gracious, as you have always have been. Tessie on behalf of myself, my wife, my son, my daughter, and grandson. We are all so happy to of had you in are lives. You really haven't gone, you will still live on in the hearts of all of us and the lives you have touched. I so deeply love you and will greatly miss you. Your 2nd son, Jody

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Joseph Gianelli - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To our beloved cousin, whose greatest gift to the world was love. As her daughter said, she made everyone feel special-indeed Theresa was special and had a special relationship with her loving husband Michael with whom she is now reunited. The world was richer for her sojourn here, and the love she gave keeps us strong. We love you Theresa-Harvey, Mary Jane and Rachelyn Remz

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June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I was always happy to see Mrs. Festa when she was in Virginia visiting her daughter, my friend Elizabeth. Mrs. Festa was unfailingly witty and charming, generous in sharing her good will with all. Clearly, her life was happy and full with family and friends. Condolences to all her family who can't help but miss her.

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**Anne LeHuray** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tess was a rock to the Church of St. Steven. She will be missed.

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**Rosalyn Brandi** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM