



## Anita (Skarin) Ellsworth

November 1, 2015

Anita Ellsworth, daughter of Irene and Axel Skarin, born August 3, 1918, passed peacefully on November 1, 2015 at UCONN Health Center. Anita graduated from Hall High School in 1936. She graduated from Baypath Secretarial School in 1938. She worked at Aetna Insurance Company until 1940 when she married Elbert Ellsworth. They moved to Springfield, MA where Anita did volunteer work at Mercy and Wesson Memorial Hospitals. Upon returning to West Hartford, Anita helped her husband operate a family poultry business. In the 1950's she became business manager and secretary to the executive director and to the director of communications at the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, remaining there until her retirement in 1976. She was a lifelong member of the West Hartford United Methodist Church. She held several offices in the United Methodist Women's Group, including that of president and was active on many committees. She especially loved being part of the Monday Morning Group which worked on mission and service projects. Anita was a charter member of the West Hartford Belles, a senior women's group, and held the positions of secretary and president. For many years she also enjoyed being a member of Fernleigh Lawn Bowling Club and the Connecticut Horticultural Society. Anita was predeceased by her husband Elbert and her son Gary. She leaves behind her daughter, Karen, her grandson, Spencer, granddaughter, Emma, and great-grandchild, Dahlia as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, November 7th at the West Hartford United Methodist Church, 1358 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Contributions in Anita's memory may be given to the church or to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 1 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT. 06002. Sincere thanks to all the staff at UCONN Health Center and especially to the ICU unit for their attentive care. For directions and online condolences please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Comments

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“ It's hard to say good-bye to someone I've known for over 60 years; from the 1950s/60s weekly visits from our "egg lady", through all the years at WHUMC. She will be missed.

**Linda Kautz Macy - Madison, CT** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Karen, Your mother was such an inspiration to me. She was so strong. She was filled with the Spirit and filled with extraordinary determination to overcome all physical obstacles. I pray you find peace in knowing that your Mom is now reunited with your father and your brother. I know it is difficult to be left behind. I pray you will find strength to live your life to the fullest in honor of your wonderful parents. The joyous day will come when you too will be reunited with your family. Keep the faith. Fondly, Nancy

**Nancy Hannigan - West Hartford, CT** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Christmas Eve at Anita and Elbert' s house was a long time tradition I miss! So sorry for your loss.

**Christine Carroll - Canton, CT** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Special memories are held in my heart for all the family Thanksgiving meals that we spent together with the adults at the "big" table and the kids at the "little" table. You may now dine in glory at the Big table forever Aunt Nita.

**Janice Willette - Veazie, ME** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathies in this, your time of grief.

**Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home - West Hartford, CT** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Karen, so sorry for the loss of Anita but she had a life well lived. Our prayers are with you.

**John Ellsworth - Avon, CT - Cousin** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM