



## Bernice Schlesinger

October 27, 1919 - April 3, 2009

SCHLESINGER. Bernice McDonnell

Bernice McDonnell Schlesinger, 89, of Bloomfield, wife of the late Gerald Schlesinger, died Friday, April 03, 2009, at her home. Born in Scranton, PA, the daughter of the late Thomas and Susan Eckman McDonnell, she made her home in Bloomfield for the past 27 years. Bernice worked at Hall High School and was a charter member of the Church of St. Timothy. She was actively involved in the East Hartford and West Hartford Brownies, Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts, was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Ladies Guild of East Hartford and was a loyal Red Sox fan. She is survived by her four children, Susan Grasso of Bradenton, FL, Jean Jackson of Farmington, TJ Schlesinger and his wife Lucy of Medfield, MA, Laura Thomas of West Hartford; her brother Richard McDonnell; daughters-in-law Sandra Schlesinger and Lisa Schlesinger; sisters-in-law Jean Reap Russo, Kingie McDonnell, Irene Schlesinger; a brother-in-law Benny Riccardo; 13 grandchildren, Nicholas Grasso, Elizabeth Grasso, Jay Grasso, Maribeth Jackson, Kimberly Schlesinger, Michael Schlesinger, Christopher Schlesinger, Lynn Feldman, Kristen Calabrese, Scott Schlesinger, Lisa Schlesinger Stevens, Cole Stillars, and Christopher Thomas; six great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by two sons, Gerald Schlesinger, Jr., Michael Schlesinger and six siblings, Sarah Gorman, Mary Israel, Thomas McDonnell, Harry McDonnell, Miriam Cummings, and Rita Riccardo. The funeral will be Monday at 10:00 am at the Church of St.

Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Timothy Middle School, 225 King Philip Dr, West Hartford, CT 06117 or The Lung Assoc, Ct Chapter, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ My wife and I regret that we were away when Bernice died, so we could not extend our sympathy in person. One of the memorable highlights of my long career as Principal of Hall High School was having her on our staff. Our students were important to her. They respected her and were credits to her influence. We're thinking of her family with fond memories and sincere sympathy.

*Bob Dunn*

*Former Hall High Principal##imported-begin##Robert E. Dunn##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ The Grasso family, Our condolences to your famiy. My wife and I, especially my wifewho knew her more than I enjoyed her company and friendship and will miss her.##imported-begin##Paul and Georgia Wilson##imported-end##

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jean,  
My heart goes out to you and your family at the loss of your mother. She was such a fine lady. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##Penny Pantages##imported-end##

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Mike Zilliox##imported-end##

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April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences & sympathy goes out to you and your family! Our hearts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Maureen & Jennifer##imported-end##

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April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences on the passing of your mom. I have many memories of her when we were living on Steele Road... Steve Avroch and family##imported-begin##Steve Avroch##imported-end##

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