



## Sara E. Thal

April 22, 2016

Sara (Bass) Thal, 68, beloved wife of W. Fred Thal, D.D.S. died peacefully at home on April 22. Sara was born in Evansville, Indiana and spent her youth in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. She was the daughter of the late Mary Marriott Bass and Herschel L. Bass. After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis she and Fred lived in London, England where she worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine for two years before settling in Connecticut. She has been a resident of West Hartford, CT since 1983. She had a 27 year career in basic medical research and medical education at the University of Connecticut Health Center. In the midst of this career she earned a Master of Science degree from UConn in Adult Education. After retirement she served as an event planner for three years at UConn School of Law. Sara loved to travel. She was known for her spirit of adventure, epitomized by a three month, 18,000 mile automobile trip from Connecticut to Alaska and back, visiting friends and relatives along the way, keeping to “blue highways” and seeing our beautiful country from ground level. And no, she was not “packing heat” in her glove box or purse. Sara was an avid and accomplished quilter. One of her lasting legacies will be the multiple hand-made quilt works of art that she created for friends and family. She also loved reading and playing bridge. Her favorite bridge bid was three NO TRUMP. Sara is survived by her husband, W. Fred Thal of West Hartford, CT, her daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Jordon Weddle and their two children, Owen and Andrew, of Tonasket, WA, her son David Thal and daughter-in-law Nhi Tran, and their two

children, Hugo and Leo Thal, of Fairfield, CT, and her brother Harry M. Bass, his wife, Jaci Hafner, and their son, Luke Bass of Tulsa, OK. A celebration of Sara's life will be held at a time and place to be announced. Check for information about the memorial celebration at <http://goo.gl/forms/jXmCR8a5o0>. Donations in Sara's memory can be made to the Lawrence and Memorial Cancer Center at 230 Waterford Parkway South, Waterford, CT 06385 or the American Red Cross at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Dear Thal Family,  
I just found out today (August 7th) from the Becket Summer Newsletter that Sara passed away. I am so sorry for your loss. Sara was an exceptional woman, and I fondly remember a weekend she spent with us in Becket many years ago. She was also such an amazing parent at Sedgwick. Deepest condolences. Joan Samuels Kaiser

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**Joan Kaiser** - August 08, 2016 at 11:38 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Fred, Jennifer and David. Sara was a smart, accomplished vibrant woman. I loved having political discussions with her and was amazed by her cross country trip adventure by herself.  
Margaret O'Keefe

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**Margaret O'Keefe** - April 27, 2016 at 02:58 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss.

*Ann-Mary Puskarz and Gabriel*

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**Ann-Mary Puskarz** - April 27, 2016 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ So sad to hear of Sara's death. Way back, Sara was a close running buddy, and part of our 3-family group running local 5K and 10K races, taking turns to look after each other's kids, and share picnics. She also introduced me to Laura Ashley dresses when they were at the height of their popularity by dragging me off to the store! My memories of Sara are of a very strong, happy woman, very full of life and curiosity. My condolences to Fred, Jennifer and David.

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**Janet Hock** - April 26, 2016 at 09:59 PM

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“ Keith and the team at Forbes Family Trust purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Sara E. Thal.



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**Keith and the team at Forbes Family Trust** - April 26, 2016 at 10:46 AM