

From the Saturday, July 1, 2006 edition of the Hartford (Connecticut) Courant:

BAKINOW, Margaret M. Margaret (Morin) Bakinow, 88, wife of the late Leo Bakinow, passed away on Friday, (June 30, 2006), at the MidState Medical Center after a short illness. Born May 16, 1918 in Waterbury, the daughter of the late Joseph and Marie Kirouac Morin, Margaret lived there until she and husband Leo moved to Newington in 1967. Prior to his death in 1971, they were active in many church organizations both in Waterbury and at the Holy Spirit Church in Newington. Margaret worked for the State of Connecticut, Department of Labor from 1971 until her retirement in 1983. During those years she enjoyed taking bus trips and was a member of the Sweet Adelines. Margaret is survived by her seven children, Christine Balandia of Meriden, Margaret Saenz of San Antonio, TX, Mary Ellen Rodgers and husband Francis of Cranston, RI, Steven Bakinow and wife Catherine of Alpharetta, GA, Marcia Faenza of Newington, Lorraine Bakinow and husband James Matulis of Meriden, and Evelyn Manzi and husband Michael of Bolton. In addition Margaret is survived by seventeen grandchildren who loved her dearly. She was happiest when she could spend time with any of them. The grandchildren are Marc Blanda and wife Jessica of Danbury; Jennifer Johnson of San Antonio, TX, Adam Rodgers of Atlanta, GA; Grant Rodgers and Blake Rodgers, both of Cranston, RI; Joshua Rodgers of Baton Rouge, LA; Amanda Leeds and husband Kenn of Acworth, GA; Jennifer Skudlarek and husband Jason of Suwanee, GA; Melissa Maxwell and husband David of Charlotte, NC; Julie, Stephanie and Amy Faenza of Newington, Austin and Taylor Matulis of Meriden, and Michael, Hayley and Joseph Manzi of Bolton. Margaret also left eight great grandchildren, Maggie, JT, Dylan, Rachel, Margaret, Eleanor, Regan and Reid. Besides her husband Leo, Margaret was predeceased by three sisters and two brothers. Her funeral will be held Monday, July 3, at 9:15 a.m. from the Smith-Ruzzo Funeral Home, 450 Broad Street, Meriden. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Rose Church in Meriden. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in New Britain. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the Smith-Ruzzo Funeral Home. The family extends thanks and appreciation to the staff at the Connecticut Baptist Home for the care shown to Margaret. The family requests donations in Margaret's memory be made to the Connecticut Baptist Home, 292 Thorpe Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450.