

Patricia M. (Kirouac) Castelhana, 66, of Cromwell, passed away Friday, October 11, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Victor M. Castelhana. She was born in Lewiston, ME to the late Yvette (Roux) Kirouac. She moved to Hartford with her family as a young child and later settled in Newington to raise her family. Prior to becoming disabled, she was an occupational therapist at Mediplex of Newington. She courageously fought many illnesses for over 20 years and always remained hopeful in the face of adversity. She was most proud of the annual Scleroderma Foundation fundraising dinner she helped organize, an event her family and friends always look forward to. She was also an avid fan of UConn women's basketball and never missed a game. More recently, she enjoyed spending time with her friends at Rook Retirement Community. Above all, she loved being with her family and adored her grandchildren who were the light of her life. A woman of unwavering strength, strong will, faith, love for God and family, she will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her. She is survived by her children: Craig Castelhana and his wife, Lori of Cromwell, Jennifer Castelhana and her wife, Jillian of Newington, and Jeffrey Castelhana and his wife, Maranda of Woodbridge, VA; her six grandchildren: David, Ashley, Alyssa, Devin, Emilia, and Henry; and her sister, Shirley Pagliano and her husband, Gaetano of Hartford. Besides her husband Victor, she was predeceased by her son, Christopher Castelhana. Funeral services will begin on Thursday, October 17th at 8:45 a.m. at the Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington. She will be laid to rest privately in Cedar Hill Cemetery at a later date. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday, October 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Newington Memorial. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Patricia's name to The Scleroderma Foundation at: Scleroderma Foundation, 59 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905, or email giving@sclerodermatristate.org. To share a memory with Patricia's family, please visit us at www.newingtonmemorial.com

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