



## Victoria Gostomski Herman

October 22, 1929 - January 11, 2022

Victoria G. Herman, 92, a lifelong resident of Stamford, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. She was born in Stamford on October 22, 1929, to the late Violet and George Gostomski.

Victoria attended Rogers Elementary School and was an active member of the Stamford High School class of 1947, where she met her husband, John. Together they lived a wonderful life, raising three children, building a successful business, and enjoying 64 years together before his passing in 2015. She was also a devoted member of St. Mary's Parish in Stamford and was a member of the Rosary Society. One of her favorite pastimes was baking numerous apple pies for their fairs and being a volunteer at the church's annual feast.

Victoria's primary role was homemaker and mother, but she also had a professional career as a secretary. She began her career at Petro Fuel and then as a legal secretary at Cummings and Lockwood. It was at both of these jobs where she met some of her lifelong, dearest friends. They all started and raised their families together and remained close until the end. Victoria and her husband, John, founded both Shippan Shore Marina and John W. Herman Marine Center, where she held the role of Vice President. For many years, she worked faithfully in the business at the side of her husband, son, and mother-in-law, Mary Herman.

Victoria's greatest joy was her family. She spent countless days on the sidelines watching her children and grandchildren in all their activities. Known affectionately as "Niem," she loved them tirelessly, with all her heart. She enjoyed cooking for her family, as well as entertaining and playing cards with her friends. There was always an extra seat at her table. She was also a huge fan of the UCONN Huskies women's basketball team and never missed watching them play. Her summer days were filled with driving the boat and teaching countless children how to water ski. Another favorite pastime was traveling with her husband and family in their motorhome to the National Parks, sandy shores, and snow-covered mountains. She loved nature and all its beauty. Watching the sun rise and set over Westcott Cove brought joy to her day. She was very patriotic, and the 4th of July parties at her home were the highlight of the year.

In addition to her parents, Victoria was predeceased by her husband John and daughter Tama Herman Parrish. She is survived by her sister Doris Casey (Walter); son John Herman Jr. (Kate); daughter Vicki Druehl (William III); son-in-law John Parrish (Maureen); her grandchildren Christine Velazquez Herman (Alfonso), John Herman III (Lindsay), and Daniel Herman; Michelle Parrish Compain (Charlie), Kathryn Parrish, Leigh Parrish Helms (Tad), and Brian Parrish; Victoria, William IV, Heidi, and Natalie Druehl; her great-grandchildren Leah, Joseph, and Julia Velazquez Herman, and Pearl and Ada Herman.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Craig Olin and his staff, and Sopia, her dedicated caregiver.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 29th from 9am - 10:30am at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11am at Saint Mary's Parish, 566 Elm Street, Stamford.

Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, Darien.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Victoria's memory to the Bennett Cancer Center, c/o Stamford Hospital Foundation, 1351 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06902, or Saint Mary's Parish, 566 Elm Street, Stamford, CT 06902.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all, please wear face coverings and maintain social distancing while attending all funeral services.

To leave an expression of sympathy for the family online, please visit [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Grove Cemetery

41 Hecker Avenue  
Darien, CT 06820  
(203) 655-0682  
<http://www.springgrove.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Mary Parish  
566 Elm Street  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 324-7321  
<http://stmarystfd.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Herman family:*

*My condolences to the loss of your beloved Mom. Now only was she a beautiful woman, she was a good sport. I remember when we played sandlot baseball across from your later house, Mrs. Herman would pick up a bat and whistle a line drive to left field. She was the best player on the field! She always made lunch for us or had a snack. When I was in second grade, I would play in a fort with John and other friends in your back yard on Willowbrook Lane. Her fudge brownies were on a par with Mrs. Pike's.*

*My late Mom Ruth was good friends with Mrs. Herman. My Mom would walk door-to door on behalf of several charities. She also commented on the Herman family's generosity in donating to those less fortunate than them. May Mrs. Herman in eternal peace.*

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**Danny Tadeusiak** - January 28, 2022 at 01:13 PM

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“ *We have such fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Herman, especially when Johnny and Michael were growing up! They were the most gracious hosts and had such love for their family!*

*I am sure that Mrs. Herman is organizing something and bringing joy to Heaven ❤️*

*Xoxo Kathy Belmont and family*

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**Kathryn Belmont** - January 27, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Victoria Gostomski Herman.



January 27, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ Dear John and family,  
So sorry to read of Vicki' s passing. Her bright smile and quick wit made for an entertaining visit.at the,store..or,at home. I regret being unable to pay my respects in person. God bless and comfort you all...

**John Roman** - January 27, 2022 at 02:20 AM



“ Mrs. Herman was like a 2nd mother to me. She made sure John and I stayed out of trouble. She was a great, warm and generous host. I will never forget the great parties they had at their beautiful house.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to John, Vickie and their families. I will be praying for her soul. God Bless you all!  
Frank Pelli

**Frank Pelli** - January 25, 2022 at 10:58 AM