

## **Monia Festo, 76, Consignment Shop Owner, Loved Fishing, Being Out on the Water, Yellow Roses, Polka Festivals**

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Monia E. A. Festo, 76, passed away on Oct. 18, surrounded with the love and comfort of her family, in the Regional Hospice of Danbury.

She was the wife of 56 years to Thomas F. Festo Sr., having made their home in Darien for most of her life.

She was born in Bridgeport on May 4, 1943, a daughter of the late Francis and Helen (Perkowski) Dziamalek.

Monia was self-employed, having owned a consignment shop, “Save & Smile,” for many years in Norwalk, and more recently a home-cleaning service. One of Monia’s passions was being out on the water, fishing in her boat (or tubing), enjoying the ocean with friends and family.

She loved her family and dear friends, holiday gatherings, yellow roses and always enjoyed a good game of Yankees baseball and darts. Mona loved spending time traveling and enjoyed weekends with friends and family at polka festivals and the casino.

Always athletic, Monia enjoyed co-ed softball until almost 50 years of age. Monia will be fondly remembered by her vivacious vitality and spirit.

Besides her husband Thomas F. Festo Sr., Monia will forever be loved by son Thomas F. Festo, Jr. of East

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Canaan, and daughter, Lauren Villecco and her husband, David, of Cheshire; her sister, Frances “Sis” Fratino, and grandchildren, whom she will dearly be missed by, Tom, Michael, David, Stephanie, Paul, Caroline; and her brother-in-law William Kirsch, and many nieces and nephews.

Beside her loving parents, Monia is pre-deceased by her sister Barbara (Dziamalek) Yash, beloved in-laws Thomas and Ada (Calgreen) Festo, sister-in-law Marion (Festo) Kirsch, and nephew Anthony Fratino.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 at the Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23 at St. John Cemetery, 25 Camp Ave., (Rte 106 entrance), Darien.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#), P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.