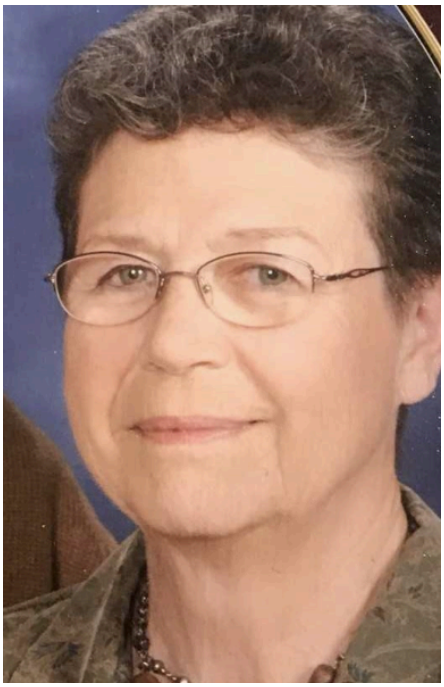


Jeannine (Tellier) Gates, 81, died Friday, January 11, 2019 in a nursing home in Southwick, Massachusetts. She was born in Willimantic, Connecticut and attended local schools there. She was a 1955 graduate of Windham High School.

Jeannine was a bank teller for Connecticut. Bank and Trust and was a telephone operator for New England Telephone Co. She lived in South Windsor, Connecticut for many years before moving to Southwick in 2000.

Jeannine was a member of New Life Christian Center in Westfield. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her church family. Jeannine was predeceased by her husband of 16 years, Ernest A. Gates.

She leaves her daughter, Michele Tougas of Vernon, CT, her step-daughters Laurie Gates of Marion, Indiana, Holly Smith of Seminole, FL and Cathy Bumgardner of Safford, AZ. She also leaves 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Carol Tellier of Coventry, CT. and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, four step-brothers, and one step-sister.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 11 am in the New Life Center, 157 Dartmouth Street, Westfield, MA. Burial will be held in the spring in St. John's Cemetery. Calling hours will be held at the church from 4-7 pm on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New Life Center in Westfield.