

**Jean Marie (Rix) Root**, 67, of East Windsor, Conn., beloved wife of Glenn A. Root, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at Hartford Hospital surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle for 15 years against scleroderma. Jean was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and Becker College in Worcester, Mass. She lived in East Windsor with her family for 42 years where she was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and a library assistant at the Warehouse Point Library for 24 years, retiring in 1999. Jean was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox and UConn basketball. Her family wishes to offer their very special thank you to Dr. Johnson and the nurses and staff of the fifth floor palliative care unit at Hartford Hospital. In addition to her husband, Glenn, Jean is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Mary Root of Enfield, Conn., and Kevin and Kristin Root of Castle Rock, Colo.; her daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and Gordon Lloyd of Palm Coast, Fla.; two sisters, Susan Harmon of Greenfield, Mass., and Bonnie Robie and her husband, Gary of Newport News, Va.; her grandchildren, Steven and David Lloyd and Brian and Brendan Root; and several nieces and nephews. Jean was also fortunate to have special neighbors and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 14 at 9 a.m. in the Wesley United Methodist Church, East Windsor. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St., East Windsor. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to either Wesley United Methodist Church, 55 North Main St., East Windsor, CT 06088 or Warehouse Point Library, 107 Main St., East Windsor, CT 06088.