



Arlene R. Van Gelder

December 30, 1935 - August 11, 2020

Sussex - Arlene R. Van Gelder, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Newton to the late William K. and Ethel J. (Decker) Riker, Arlene has lived in Sussex County all of her life. Arlene was an avid baker and her apple pie was beloved by many. She won numerous Sussex County Fair awards for her dessert and canning creations. She was an active member of the Sussex United Methodist Church for 62 years and served as the Chairwoman for the church's annual turkey dinner fund raising event for many years. She was active in the Ladies Group at the church and instituted the Ladies Bible study. Her caring and persevering spirit were familiar to all those who knew her well. She worked as a medical secretary and retired from the office of Dr. George Peterson in Newton. Arlene was predeceased by her sister, Altamae "Tootie" Snook. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Alan R. Van Gelder; her daughter, Sue Ellen Hampson and her husband Brian of Hawthorne; her sisters, Alice "Susie" Decker of Missouri and Donna Rominick of Hampton; her grandchildren, Leslie Hampson of Brooklyn, New York and Scott Hampson and his fiancé Maria Collins of North Carolina. Funeral services were held privately for the family. Memorial services will be held in the future at the Sussex United Methodist Church. Arrangements were under the direction of the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Arlene's memory to the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Services will be held at a later date

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to read of Arlene's passing. She was always such a sweet and giving person.

The time I spent with her mother Ethel she would tell me stories of her girls growing up and one she always told was how caring and compassionate Arlene always was to everyone she meet.. How she never meet a stranger and how she just enjoyed people..

This followed her into her adult life.. She was My father George John Decker's Cousin and she was always so very kind and sweet to me and my family..

I will always remember her sweet smile and her kind and calming words..

bless her and all of you ..

Mary E. Decker-Bonker



Mary E. Decker-Bonker - August 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JJ

“ Sue Ellen, memories of a proud, caring, and loving mother come to mind as I reflect on your Mom's life. What a lovely and kind lady! I am blessed to have been a small part of your's and your parents' lives many years ago...May she rest peacefully.

Jean ann jaeger - August 16, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ Sarah Hoglund lit a candle in memory of Arlene R. Van Gelder



Sarah Hoglund - August 15, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ she was a great lady and i admired her. i had her daughter in 4-h and got to know her well.

joy ricker - August 14, 2020 at 07:50 PM