



## Arthur DeVries Sr.

December 1, 1936 - September 26, 2025

Williston, Vermont - Arthur DeVries peacefully passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025 was born December 1, 1936 in the Netherlands Holland. He was a son of Dirk and Wilma DeVries (deJong) of Sussex, New Jersey. In 1947, Arthur's family immigrated to the United States on the Veendam ship settling at first in Belvedere, New Jersey with David deJong; his mom's brother. They later made their home on a farm in Sussex, New Jersey. Arthur graduated from Junior High in Vernon Township in June 1951, but was unable to graduate High School with his class because he had to work on the farm. He later went on to achieve his GED diploma. Arthur was a wonderful Husband, Father, Father-In-Law, Brother, Uncle, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. He loved his family deeply. He was a very gentle, gracious and kind man. He met the love of his life, Helen Norman while roller-skating at Poison Pete's roller rink in Branchville, New Jersey. She was the most beautiful girl in the rink as he told it! They were married October 15, 1957 in the Sussex Christian Reformed Church in Sussex, New Jersey and they celebrated 68 years together. They raised their family in Sussex where Art built his first home with his father- in-law. Arthur enjoyed collecting old bottles, trapping and hunting in his younger years, as well as fishing in the Delaware River with Helen and the family. But, his real joy was snowmobiling and riding his bicycle. He was also a member of the Newton Historical Society in his younger years. Arthur was a family man. He took his responsibility seriously. He provided for his family not only financially, but he gave them his time. Every year he took his family

camping at the Jersey Shore which was always a very special time. He was a selfless person putting his family first and instilling a strong Christian faith in his children. He was employed for 35 years at the Sussex County Plumbing and Heating Supply Company in Newton, New Jersey. He retired at 62 years old and moved to Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania and built his dream home, which he with his wife enjoyed until his unfortunate Alzheimer diagnosis at 72 years old that robbed him of his dreams and his mind. Through it all, he remained kind and gentle. With his devoted wife, Helen by his side, he relocated to South Burlington, Vermont in 2015 to be close to his daughter, Donna for family support. It was difficult for him, but he accepted his diagnosis. He fought the battle for nearly 18 years because of his love for his wife and family. He was able to remain at home with his wife, Helen for 15 years due to Helen's faithful and loving care along with his daughter, Donna and son-in-law, Greg. The family would like to thank the Vermont Nurses Association (VNA) of Colchester, Vermont and especially caregiver, Kevin Donegan who helped care for Art with kindness, patience and love until being placed in Allen Brook Memory Care in Williston, Vermont. Allen Brook Memory Care is a special place where Art received loving and compassionate care. The family will forever be grateful for his care from everyone at Allen Brook and would also like to thank the staff at the McClure Respite House and the Hospice Team at the UVM Medical Center (UVM) in Colchester, Vermont. And, also a special thank you to Dr. Marga Sproul for the loving care of their Dad. He was predeceased by his son, Arthur DeVries, Jr, his father and mother, Dirk and Wilma DeVries, his brother, Theunis DeVries; his three sisters, Winnie DeVries, Susan Struble and Jenny Kuperus. He is survived by his loving wife, Helen of South Burlington, Vermont; his three daughters, Donna Clark-Kelsey (Greg Kelsey) of Hinesburg, Vermont, Debbie Pellegrini (John Pellegrini) of Villas, New Jersey, Linda Wall of Plainfield, New Jersey; his brother, Fred DeVries and his wife Rita of Bloomingburg, New York; a special nephew, Rich Struble from Essex, Vermont; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Julie Van

Nieuwland (Steve Van Nieuwland), Jessica Norful (Jordan Norful), Melissa Mason (Aaron Mason), Nicole Pellegrini, Angela Schaffer (Jessie Schaffer), Kimberly Nicklaw (KC Nicklaw) Sarah Giavanniello (Rocco Giavanniello) and Alison Wall and his great-grandchildren, Mike Pellegrini, Aidan Norful, Paige Van Nieuwland, Ava Norful, Morgan Van Nieuwland, Asher Norful, Payton Sue Mason, Jay Nicklaw, Gia Wall, Isabella Mason, Myles Nicklaw and Bryce Nicklaw. "Thank you Dad for our memories. Even when you were slipping away we could catch a glimpse of Dad, Husband and Papa. You are in a place where your wounds are erased and scars are replaced by the hands that hold you now, but you will live on in the better parts of all of us." A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Christian Reformed Church, 49 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, New Jersey on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 with interment immediately following at Frankford Plains Cemetery, Augusta, New Jersey. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Monday, October 6, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, New Jersey. Please consider a memorial donation in Arthur DeVries' memory to the Alzheimer's Association, the Memory Care at Allen Brook, Williston, VT or the McClure Respite House Colchester, VT. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Frankford Plains Cemetery

Plains Road  
Frankford Twp, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
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## Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sussex Christian Reformed Church  
51 Unionville Avenue  
Sussex, NJ 07461

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ My sincerest condolences. I have the ole' boy, Art in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 . He was a good man and he was my best friend. There are so many great memories I have of the fun things I did with him and of things I learned from him that I have those thoughts and memories to get through sad times like these. Him and I enjoyed Camping 🏕️, snowmobiling and Ice fishing 🛶 in Canada 🇨🇦, deer 🦌 hunting in Claryville, NY, playing horse shoes, gardening, building an addition on his family home, cutting firewood 🪵, shad fishing 🐟 on the Delaware River, smoking Backwoods Cigars, digging for bottles and buried treasure along the old mine road, picking up hickory nuts and black walnuts, I have missed him and his companionship for years. That man holds a special place in my heart ❤️ and mind. I will carry him with me always. I love you Art!

John D. Clark

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John D Clark - October 03, 2025 at 08:14 AM

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“ Your Dad was just the sweetest man. He loved visiting your beautiful place on Cape Cod and we had the wonderful pleasure of being with him when he came. We are so happy we can share in those memories. Keeping your family in our prayers!

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Flo & Everett Domenici - October 01, 2025 at 01:17 PM

CM

“ My deepest condolences to the DeVries family. Mr. DeVries was one of the most kindest man I have ever known. Heaven is lucky to have another wonderful Angel. Love and Prayers to all. Cathy (Leeth) McMickle

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cathy McMickle - September 30, 2025 at 11:32 AM

DK

“ Art was a great man who my husband and I had the pleasure of getting to know through many years at the Cape. We will treasure our times with him, Helen, Donna & Greg! I remember the day he told me he was losing his memory. We ate lobster 🦞 and he loved it! It was a special night I'll never forget. Thank Donna & Greg for that memory, I also remember him bike riding around the cape. They were sweet memories! My heart goes out to all of his family and friends. Xo

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**Diane King** - September 29, 2025 at 08:01 PM

VM

What a true patriarch and gentle man was Art. Decent, caring and kind with those beautiful eyes that were so comforting .... He will be sorely be missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. May his memory be for a blessing to us all , as he ascends to his final resting place with G-d. 💕🙏

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**Vivian Mason** - September 30, 2025 at 03:56 AM