



Carlyn N. Hudak

June 24, 1945 - March 29, 2024

Branchville - Carlyn Hudak died peacefully Friday evening March 29, 2024 surrounded by her family. She was born June 24, 1945 in Weehawken, New Jersey and grew up in Jersey City.

During her senior year in high school, she was selected Miss Dickinson and then went on to attend Montclair State University where she met her husband, Tom.

Tom and Carlyn were married on August 9, 1969. They first lived in West Paterson, NJ and then bought a home in Oak Ridge where they started a family welcoming first son, Thomas, Jr. and then David. The family moved to Branchville in 1985.

After graduating from Montclair State University, she started a career as a home economics teacher. She taught students in various learning environments; such as Snyder High School in Jersey City, Learning Land Preschool in Oak Ridge, Centenary College in Hackettstown, Morris Hills Regional Adult School in Rockaway, and one-on-one lessons in her home and community.

Carlyn was an avid sewer, knitter, and crocheter. She took great pride in sharing and carrying her talent over to lovingly teach her niece and granddaughters the art of sewing. She was an active member of the American Sewing Guild, Sussex County Chapter and in her community as she took part in many endeavors such as Project Linus. She was an incredibly strong believer in her faith and an active parishioner at Prince of Peace Lutheran

Church in Hamburg, New Jersey, leading the weekly Bible study.

Carlyn and Tom enjoyed traveling and vacationing with their family, especially at their beach home in Swan Beach, NC. Tom and Carlyn spent most of their summers there after retiring in 2000. Her grandchildren enjoyed spending their days at the beach and evenings watching “Grandma’s shows” - Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

She liked to read, complete jigsaw and crossword puzzles, and play any board or card game – her favorite game was Scrabble.

She was predeceased by her parents, Karsten and Elvera Kahrs; brother, Richard Kahrs, and son; Paul Thomas Hudak.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Hudak; sons, Thomas Hudak, Jr. and his wife, Michele, David Hudak and his wife, Catherine; five grandchildren, Kayla, Leo, Caroline, Ryan, and Emily; her sister, Ellen Frederickson and her husband Charles; her niece, Sharon Petershack; nephew, Steven Kierney; her grandniece, Ella; and grandnephews, Wesley and Parker.

A visitation will be held at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3320 Route 94, Hamburg, NJ on Friday April 5, 2024. Interment to immediately follow at Frankford Plains Cemetery, Plains Road, Augusta.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Carlyn’s memory to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3320 NJ Route 94, Hamburg, NJ 07419 or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38015. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Frankford Plains Cemetery

Plains Road
Frankford Twp, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-3272
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3320 NJ Route 94
Hamburg, NJ 07419

Tribute Wall

AA

“ I just found out that Carlyn passed away. The first word that comes to me when I think about Carlyn is passionate. She was so passionate about teaching people to sew. I first met Carlyn at Sussex Technical HS in Sparta. She was teaching Sewing 101 in the adult school at night. It was so much fun. She introduced us to the American Sewing Guild and I joined. What a wonderful experience I had. I met so many wonderful women. I learned so much for everyone. Carlyn was a motivator. She brought so much charitable project to the group. She was such a giver of her time and talent.

Ann Alfaro - April 20, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



April 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ Jeff Cemelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlyn N. Hudak.

Jeff Cemelli - April 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

SJ

“ Ever the teacher, Carlyn tried to teach me how to use a serger! Such a great friend to the American Sewing Guild. Loved hearing her cheer on her boys at football games way back when. Our prayers and thoughts for the family at this sad time. With sympathy,
Sandi and John Jones

Sandi Jones - April 04, 2024 at 10:18 AM

CH

“ Carlyn is my Grandma. I loved her so much and will miss her so so much. I remember sleeping over at her house on many occasions and her teaching me how to sew. As I got older she let me help on some of her projects. Some of her projects included quilts for little babies struggling in hospitals and hospital gowns made out of pillow cases for a different country. A few weeks before my grandma passed away I had a sleepover at her house. She taught my sister and I how to make quilts and we ended up making 2 of them. When I went to her house after she died I went downstairs to see the quilts. I thought that she did not finish backing them but she did. What is so important to me about the quilts is that it was her last project she completed before she passed and it was with my sister and I. I love my Grandma so much and I will keep sewing for her. ❤️
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- Caroline Hudak

Caroline Hudak - April 03, 2024 at 05:21 PM

JR

Dear Caroline,

What beautiful tribute you have written.

I had the privilege of having your wonderful grandma in my life and I will miss her more than words can say.

She was my sewing mentor but most of all she was a wonderful friend. She loved you all so much; her family and especially her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

I so loved hearing all about your sewing sleepovers and seeing pictures of all the beautiful things you all had made together.

You are right to keep on sewing.

Your Grandma would be so happy and proud to know that you will keep her creative legacy going.

*Sincerely,
Jeri Ryan*

Jeri Ryan - April 04, 2024 at 09:52 AM

CN

Dear Caroline , It was such a pleasure to not only pay my respects to Carlyn, your grandma and my dear lifelong friend , to share in the loss with your dear family , friends , and even some of our mutual classmates who also drove many miles , but to get to spend some good time chatting with you, Leo, Emily , your parents , aunts , uncles and cousins , and of course grandpa Tom ! You were each so blest knowing her , and now carrying on her legacy , even in your beautiful words about the quilts . She left nothing undone that she could do ! For YOU and Emily ! You are a gifted young lady , Caroline ; I KNOW how often your grandparents raved about you all ; how they enjoyed and adored each of you ! It is so good to know that we have a fantastic future ahead , as well as our past memories . Live each day "to the max " ; develop your own skills , gifts , pleasures, and enjoy each day ! You are Never alone, and Always loved ! lots of love ! Clarence Neumann

clarence neumann - April 08, 2024 at 08:42 AM

JG

To the entire Hudak family,

I was saddened to learn of Carlyn's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Carlyn and I were both in the same homeroom and members of Dickinson's Graduating Class of 1963. May God rest her soul. John Greco

John Greco - April 14, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DN

“ *Tom and family are in our prayers after losing a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. We always enjoyed spending time with Carlyn and Tom at dinner. May she Rest In Peace.*
Pat and Don Naylor

Don Naylor - April 03, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LH

“ *Lisa and Tom Hurley purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.*



Lisa and Tom Hurley - April 03, 2024 at 11:06 AM

LH

“ *Lisa and Tom Hurley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlyn N. Hudak.*

Lisa and Tom Hurley - April 03, 2024 at 11:06 AM

GS

“ George and Isabel Sly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



George and Isabel Sly - April 03, 2024 at 10:23 AM

GS

“ George and Isabel Sly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlyn N. Hudak.

George and Isabel Sly - April 03, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PL

“ Penny, Mike, Pete, Tim, & Matt Langsdorf purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



Penny, Mike, Pete, Tim, & Matt Langsdorf - April 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM

PL

“ Penny, Mike, Pete, Tim, & Matt Langsdorf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlyn N. Hudak.

Penny, Mike, Pete, Tim, & Matt Langsdorf - April 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM

AK

“ Adam Kaufman purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



Adam Kaufman - April 02, 2024 at 05:11 PM

PE

“ Peggy purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



Peggy - April 02, 2024 at 01:40 PM

SM

“ My two sisters passed away recently. I told Carlyn she had to be my surrogate sister. One of my fondest memories is our yearly visit to Swan Beach. We had so much fun and constantly played Scrabble. One week we played so many games and I could not win . Finally the day before we left I finally beat her. I will miss her.

Suzanne Miliano - April 02, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JR

“ So many things I could say about Carlyn, but here are a few; she was kind, caring, compassionate, smart, funny, and talented. I so enjoyed our time together and I will miss her terribly especially our phone chats and all the laughing we did. I will miss our email exchanges, especially the ones over the summer months, where we would exchange pictures of our vacation time, her pictures of the wild horses right outside the window of their North Carolina home. I am so glad to have had her in my life, although terribly saddened that our time was cut way too short. Carlyn was an all around wonderful person, a truly special lady, one that I will never forget.



Jeri Jane Ryan - April 02, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.



April 02, 2024 at 09:09 AM

EW

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. Carolyn was my moms best friend. When my mom moved to Maine I knew she was on the phone with Carlyn because of the laughter and of course Carolyn's loud voice, pure joy. She made my mom a beautiful shael type blanket when my mom was sick. My mom had a very small circle of friends, but the best ones. She absolutely loved Carlyn. As I'm sad for your loss, as I know my mom passed too. It brings me joy knowing they are up in heaven sewing and talking very loud together. Thank you for being such an amazing friend to my amazing mom. She loved you so much. Your in my prayers Tom, she loved her family so much. All my love Erin Wells

Erin wells - April 02, 2024 at 07:54 AM

JC

“ What a lovely human being, our Carlyn. She was a rather new friend to me but became a good friend. Carlyn was the American Sewing Guild Sussex County member who called a member of our guild if she knew someone was sick. She was the one who called to see why we hadn't seen someone in a while and let us know the result of her calls. Carlyn called me many times after I had my heart valve replacement this past fall, offering encouragement and laughter. She was a supporter of Project Linus, knitting, crocheting and sewing many blankets for children in need. She contributed so much to our guild, and I, along with all our members, will miss her terribly. We love you Carlyn.

Janice Crissey - April 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM

HR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Carlyn's passing. She was my favorite member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, a very caring person, and a GREAT LADY!! May She REST IN PEACE 🙏🙏
Hank Ramberger

Hank Ramberger - April 01, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carlyn N. Hudak.*



April 01, 2024 at 04:06 PM