



Doris E. Richards

April 23, 1944 - September 1, 2017

FRANKFORD- Doris E. (Belcher) Richards, age 73, died peacefully at home on September 1, 2017 surrounded by her loving family after a long-fought illness. Born on April 23, 1944 in Vernon to the late Robert and Ruth (Dewitt) Belcher, she graduated Sussex High School in 1962 and resided in Sussex County her entire life. Doris was a life-long banker, beginning her career with Farmer's National Bank in Sussex at age 18. When her children were young, she also drove a school bus and worked at the Alexander Linn Hospital in Sussex. Doris then worked for many years at the National Bank of Sussex County; managing several branches and retired as an Officer of the Lakeland Bank.

She was a Past-President of the Beemerville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. In retirement, Doris enjoyed volunteering at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex and serving on the history committee of the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show/NJ State Fair. She was a founding member of the Wanderer's Car Club. She loved spending time with her family, her black lab "Teddy" and all the friends she made throughout her life. Doris leaves everyone with this simple message – "Be kind," a motto that surely describes how she lived her life.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Wayne; her two sons, Walter Richards and his wife Shari and Michael Richards and his wife Lexi; and her four grandchildren; Devon, Julia, Greyson and Kyla, whom she cherished greatly. She was predeceased by her brothers; Robert, Melvin and Harold

Belcher and is survived by her siblings, George and his wife Jan Belcher, Gene Belcher, Dorothy Kline, Ruth and husband Bill McCarthy, and Jerry and wife Shelley Belcher. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A celebration of Doris' life will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Doris' name to the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860 or online at www.KarenAnnQuinlanHospice.org

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I will always remember her sweet and kind ways. Vic and I enjoyed having you and Wayne as our neighbor, and friends. I will certainly miss seeing her at cruise night and having little chats. She was a beautiful person inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with the family now that she leaves behind. May she soar with the angels now and rest in eternal peace. .

Sandra D Mazza - September 17, 2017 at 10:40 AM

MA

“ Mary Ackerman lit a candle in memory of Doris E. Richards



Mary Ackerman - September 13, 2017 at 11:45 PM

MA

“ I will miss Doris very much!! I have been her hairdresser for many years and enjoyed talking to her when she would come in to get her hair cut. We shared many stories over the years and the last few have been hard. Rest in Peace my friend ... I will miss you very much! My thoughts and prayers are with Wayne and your family.

Mary Ackerman

Mary Ackerman - September 13, 2017 at 11:44 PM

TM

“ I remember Doris (and her sister Ruth) very fondly. I just heard about Doris' passing from an old friend Ronnie Dunmire (Stock). I offer my condolences to all of her family.
Ted Moss (Wyeth).

Ted Moss - September 05, 2017 at 08:45 PM

BP

“ Wayne, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Doris was loved by everyone who knew her. She always had a big smile and kind words to all. We will treasure her memory.
Barb and Mike Peters

Barb and Mike Peters - September 04, 2017 at 09:04 PM

LK

“ Doris and I have been friends since 1975, when we worked together at NBSC. We celebrated our birthdays by going out for dinner, took classes together, attended plays and even did yoga together, although, it was difficult to do when you were laughing so hard. Sometimes we would not see each other for years at a time but when the situation brought us back together we always picked up where we left off. The last 5 years we worked on the NJ State Fair History Committee. I know she enjoyed working on the committee very much and we had some really great times and good laughs. Doris, I will miss your laugh, your smile and the dinners together, but I will always have good memories of you, because you were a unique individual who never had a bad word for anyone. God Bless you!

Lois Kinney - September 04, 2017 at 09:22 AM

RD

“ *Doris, My banker, happy camper, and friend. I thought of you on Friday; now I know why. We will miss you. Wayne, Mike, and family, I am very sorry for your loss.*

Richard Denman - September 03, 2017 at 10:41 AM

KK

“ *Wayne and family, so sorry for your loss. you and your family are in our prayers . ken and robin kamper*

ken kamper - September 03, 2017 at 10:16 AM

GM

“ *Doris and I first met at The National Bank of Sussex County some 35+ years ago. She was a friendly, kind, wonderful woman who rose through the ranks to become an officer of the bank and branch manager at several locations.*

I consider myself lucky to have known and worked with Doris and maintained our friendship these past 35+ years.

Soft-spoken and always willing to help, Doris B's middle name should be "Kindness". I do not think she ever met a person who did not immediately like her.

The world was a better place as Doris walked through it.

She will be missed by many.

Gregory Meehan - September 02, 2017 at 07:51 PM