



Geraldine C Durning

May 12, 1909 - June 9, 2015

Sussex - Mrs. Geraldine Carmeline Durning, longtime resident of Sussex County dies at the age of 106. She had wonderful tales to tell of her immigrant Italian upbringing in Youngstown, Ohio: large vegetable gardens, wood burning pizza ovens, hunting, and foraging in nature. She was a true gourmet and champion of locally grown produce and meat before it became fashionable.

Married mid-depression, she joined her husband, Harry Durning, a government engineer, in traveling throughout the country, in the early days of aviation to switch over manufacturing from peacetime to wartime production, in preparation for WWII. His career took him finally to Picatinny Arsenal and they made a home in Sussex County on Lake Walkkill Road.

With great style Geraldine remodeled a 1905 barn, creating a cozy, charming home as well as award winning gardens.

She was a member of various garden clubs as well as a frequent judge of flower arranging at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

Being a "modern woman," she developed a career of her own, working as the longtime Executive Secretary of the Morley Shirt Company in Franklin, NJ.

In her retirement, along with her companion, Harvey Wood, she became

active in the Sussex County Horse Show and assisted in the planning of their events.

She traveled extensively and reading was her passion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Friends of Sussex-Wantage Library Memorial Fund, 69 Route 639, Wantage, NJ 07461.

Geraldine is survived by her niece and nephew, Marjorie and Edwin Silverman;

nephew, Bill Durning; great niece and nephew, Maria Silverman and Bill Dunn; great nephew, Alexei Silverman and his son, Nathaniel; cousin, Bob Izzo of Virginia, and her good friend, Nancy Case; as well as, all the Cohol family in Youngstown, Ohio and the family of Harvey Wood.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Monica R.C. Church, 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex. Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Private interment services will commence at the convenience of the family alongside her husband at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown, Ohio. Funeral services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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stmonica@ptd.net
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Aunt Cam's family -

I suspect that over the rainbow somewhere Marjorie's Mom & Aunt Cam are probably telling stories ... holding hands ... floating on clouds ... & even whispering little somethings to you all now and again.

We never met Aunt Cam, but we know that we loved Aunt Cam through Marjorie's eyes.

*Sending much love & deepest sympathy -
Laurie & Iver*

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Forever in our hearts! Love Keith, Cory, Avery and Sheamus

The Toomey's - June 11, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine C Durning.*



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“ *Sending you our deepest sympathy.*

*With love,
Muffin & Kenny*

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“ *God bless Aunt Cam. May she rest in peace. Her life inspired so many, even those who never met her.*



Sincere sympathies from the Wilson Fakhry Family

Elizabeth Wilson - June 11, 2015 at 12:01 PM