



Grace M. MacDonald

April 24, 1951 - October 20, 2020

Vernon - Grace M. MacDonald, age 69, passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Morristown Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Dorchester, Massachusetts to the late George and Erma (Crozier) Travers, Mrs. MacDonald lived in Hopedale, Massachusetts before moving to Sussex County in 1992. She had been employed by the Vernon Township Board of Education as a secretary for the Child Study Team for over 24 years. Mrs. MacDonald was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved to travel; especially taking trips to Maine. She was predeceased by her brother, Frank Travers in 2018. Mrs. MacDonald is survived by her husband of 41 years, Lorne J. MacDonald; her three daughters, Sarah Kelly and her husband Lewis of Byram, Susan Hayden and her husband Jared of Lake Ariel, PA, and Emily MacDonald of Deerfield, MA; her brother, George Travers and his wife Esther of Framingham, MA; her sister-in-law, Kathy Travers of Southbridge, MA; her three grandchildren, Beckett, Evelyn, and Miles; and her nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Grace's memory to the Sussex County YMCA, Annual Campaign, 15 Wits End Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. Private cremation 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

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Susan is my good friend and former roommate, and I was fortunate enough to know Mrs. MacDonald through the stories and memories she shared. What impressed me most, was her strength, determination and love of her family. Such a wonderful lady. I'm thinking of the entire family and sending lots of love.

Steph Meyers - October 28, 2020 at 10:52 AM

BK

“ Lorne, Sarah, Susan and Emily, I am feeling the loss of Grace and sent prayers and loving thoughts to you all. Grace was a kind and caring person and a wonderful mother to three beautiful daughters. She was so proud of you all. She will be missed. Fondly, Bea

Bea Kota - October 25, 2020 at 04:00 PM

ML

“ Lorne, Sarah, Susan and Emily and your growing families, I was so sorry to hear this from my mother. Grace was a lovely person, very kind and with a good sense of humor! These Covid times make all of this so much harder as we cannot be with extended friends and family. We are thinking of you all. Fondly, Marie Lee

Marie Lee - October 23, 2020 at 04:00 PM

JB

“ I met Grace through The Church of Good Shepherd. My mother Marian was a member and they became friends. At one time my mom ran Bea's kitchen out of the church and I would come to help serve and clean up. Grace and her husband where they are on many occasion helping. I know that she thought highly of my mom and my mom her. Sadly my mother passed away November 7, 2016 without warning! That Christmas I chose to take on my mother's baking list for friends and included it with my own holiday baking. Grace was one of those friends, I was happy to deliver Hungarian cookies to. She was so appreciative that I thought of her, she mailed me a beautiful card of thanks. It included a \$25 gift card for ShopRite. Her note said that she wanted me to use it to replenish my baking ingredients such as flour and sugar! I was fortunate to see her at the YMCA. The last time was in March and we just talked and talked. Then Covid-19 hit and the Y closed. I'm sorry I had not reached out via telephone. When I read of her passing yesterday I cried and cried. It hit me really hard. I am imagining the devastation that her family are experiencing at this time. Please accept my sincere and deepest of condolences. The family will remain in my prayers always. God bless their new angel. May her head rest comfortably and peacefully on GOD'S pillow of GRACE always 💔 She is in GLORIOUS company!

Janet L. Baker - October 23, 2020 at 12:40 AM

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“ In honor of Grace, I would like to define the term friendship. A friend loves you, no matter what; no matter how far away you live from each other; no matter how often you see each other. A friend listens to you; listens with empathy; listens without judgement; listens in love. A friend helps you work through problems and situations by inspiring you and guiding you to come up with solutions that are best for you. A friend will, non-judgmentally and lovingly, correct you; tell you to rethink things and/or call you out when she knows you are making a wrong choice. A friend knows when you need to talk and will call you, just as you think, "I really need to talk to my friend." And there she is on the phone. A friend will share the good times, the family times, the fun times, the sad times, the confusing times, the tragic times and the just plain ordinary times. A friend will tell you that it's going to be okay; that she has your back; to have faith; to trust in God; to pray and to hope at all times.

Grace was one of my best friends. I was so blessed to have her in my life. I cherished our friendship. I am heart-broken she is no longer here. But I know, all I need to do is lift my eyes and heart toward Heaven and Grace will be there for me - strengthening me, guiding me and laughing with me. But most importantly, Grace will be praying for me! And, when God calls me home, I know that Grace will be waiting at the Gates of Heaven, welcoming me into Eternal Life!

I love you Grace! Thank you for being my friend!

Neeni Francis Hopedale, MA Oct. 22, 2020

My love and prayers go to you, Lorne, Sarah, Susan, Emily, her grandchildren and all her extended family.

Neeni Francis - October 22, 2020 at 11:33 PM

DD

“ I've known Grace since High School. She was a great friend and an honorable lady.

She had integrity and was family oriented. She will be missed by many, but mostly by her husband and daughters. To them I send many happy thoughts and memories of Grace. I am a better person for having been associated with Grace. RIP my friend.

Love Dave Driver

David Driver - October 22, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MN

Lorne and family, Grace was one of the best human beings ever. Our condolences. The Naser family.

Mark Naser - October 26, 2020 at 11:18 PM

MM

Lorne, I am so sorry this sad news is just now reaching me. Covid-19 has detached so many of us from the world outside our quarantined lives at home. Grace's passing just adds one more layer to this year of 2020 that's already been so challenging. If & when things do return to normal, I will certainly miss seeing the two of you sitting to my right, just two pews behind, each Sunday morning at Christ Church. But the memories of the fun chats she & I had over the years will always remain. Love & Prayers coming your way, - Matthew Mumford

Matthew Mumford - November 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM