



Reola Jane Owens

September 5, 1939 - February 22, 2021

Wantage - Reola J. Owens, age 81 unexpectedly passed away on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, New York. Born in Wantage to the late Maynard and Louise (Ross) Courtright, Reola has been a lifetime resident of the Sussex-Wantage area. She had been employed as the dairy manager at the former Foodtown Supermarket in Wantage for 28 ½ years. After her retirement from Foodtown, she worked in the pre-school and daycare industry and absolutely enjoyed her time working with children. Reola had many interests, but her world centered on her children and family. She enjoyed reading, baking, traveling, and photography. She was known to always have her camera with her on her travels. Reola appreciated spending time outdoors exploring and loved the many years of backpacking and camping adventures with her husband in national parks, forests, and wilderness areas; especially the western states and international travel with family members. She had savored her liking for roast duckling, Maine lobsters, and chocolate. Whenever she had the chance to eat either, Reola's face would light up with her beautiful smile. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, John C. Owens; her sons, Gene Belcher, Jr. of Newton and David Belcher of Freehold; her daughter, Penny Snook and her husband Jim of Port Jervis, New York; five grandchildren, Cody, Matthew, Samantha, Tara, and Jessica; and five great grandchildren. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Sunday, February 28, 2021 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services

will immediately follow at 5 p.m.. Due to New Jersey government health restrictions, attendees will be limited and are required to wear face masks at all times and practice proper social distancing. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Reola Owens' memory to the Wantage Township First Aid Squad or the Wantage Township Fire Department, 888 State Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We we’re so sad to hear the news of Reola’s passing, especially so unexpectedly. She was always so kind to me and I really enjoyed talking with her at the family reunions. I felt like we had a lot in common since we both loved to hike and camp, although she was braver than me! She always responded to my Christmas letters. I looked forward to hearing about the adventures that Uncle John and Aunt Reola had each year. She was a gem and will be missed. ❤️

Helen Owens - March 01, 2021 at 06:38 PM

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“ Aunt Reola will always have a special place and memory in our hearts. So saddened she left us too early. Every year she welcomed all into her and Uncle John’s home for thanksgiving, she welcomed happiness and joy, we could never be more thankful. We love you aunt Reola, you’ll be celebrated forever!

Gabe Owens - February 27, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ I worked with “Ms Reola” at Second Home Child Care when she was in the toddler room. She was a pleasure to work with. She was always taking trips and going on adventures when she was not working. She will be missed !

Cindy Keesler - February 26, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Just so very sad Reola is gone. She was so welcoming and cheerful. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. May her memory be for a blessing.* ”



Kim Hensley Owens - February 25, 2021 at 09:29 AM

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Gabe Owens - February 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM