



Stella A. Kelsch

August 8, 1918 - October 11, 2018

Sussex - Stella A. Kelsch age 100, peacefully passed away on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Wantage to the late Raymon and Myrtle (Cole) Ayers, Mrs. Kelsch was a lifetime resident of the Sussex-Wantage community.

Mrs. Kelsch was employed by Selective Insurance in Branchville before her retirement. She is a member of the Sussex United Methodist Church for over 75 years and the Sussex United Methodist Woman's Group; the Mountain View Grange; Sussex County Pomona Grange; New Jersey State Grange; National Grange; DAR, Van Bunschoten Chapter; Colonial Domes; and National Society Woman Decendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

She was predeceased by her husband Russell and her sister, Velma Yetter. Mrs. Kelsch is survived by her two daughters, Susan Stanton and her husband Brice of Sussex and Victoria Clift and her husband John of Salt Lake City, Utah; her sister, Ruth McGoldrick-Yuill of Reno, Nevada; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren .

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment to follow at Beemerville Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made in Stella A. Kelsch's memory to the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Visitation

OCT 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ *My grandmother made these for us to wear for the d.a.r*



lisa stanton - July 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM

PK

“ *I knew Mrs. Kelsch when her daughter, Vickie, and I were friends many years ago. Might have started at Selective. Very fond memories of visits to her house and Susan and Brice. Prayers go out to family; what a wonderful woman she was. She will be missed. Peg Kinney (& tom, too).*

Peg Kinney - October 14, 2018 at 01:52 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Patrick McGoldrick - October 13, 2018 at 08:53 PM

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Stella and her sister, Ruth, May 2007

Patrick McGoldrick - October 13, 2018 at 10:20 PM

JO

“ *Stella was a gentlewoman
I have fond memories of talking with her at many DAR meetings.
She and aunt Irene were great buddies and I can picture them
catching up in heaven!*
Joanne Cosh

joanne - October 13, 2018 at 03:51 PM

NM

“ *I knew Stella from DAR. I loved her up beat attitude and gentle
sweetness. A privilege to of known her.* Nancy Malone

Nancy Malone - October 13, 2018 at 01:29 PM

WW

“ *I will always remember Stella as the sweet lady who kept our gift
shop running at the DAR museum. Susan and Brice...may your
memories bring you comfort...remember...she will always be with
you in your heart.* Wendy Wyman

Wendy Wyman - October 13, 2018 at 08:52 AM

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*Such a lovely lady always kind with a great smile and a great support
to all of us in DAR at our loved Museum which she's so generously
supported with her time and talents I'm not surprised she was given
100 years to enjoy life I wish the family pleasant memories in their time
of grief...*

Carol Hoernle - October 14, 2018 at 12:45 PM

BR

Stella was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. I always enjoyed her sense of humor and the laughs we had together. I remember her telling me about the Sussex volcanoes she explored when she was a child. I was asking questions and I seriously asked her if she remembered them smoking. I got her for a second when she realized what I said...she was quick with a comeback, she said, no dear, I'm old, but not quite that old! and how she laughed! We were always saddened when she left us for the winter to go out West, but that just made her coming home that much more special. Till we meet again Stella! Love and prayers to you, Susan, Brice and Vicki.

Brian - October 14, 2018 at 10:19 PM