



## Valerie J. Stellke

January 17, 1947 - May 23, 2024

Middletown, New York - Valerie J. Stellke, age 77, passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, New York. Born in Manhattan, New York on January 17, 1947 to the late Ignatius and Antoinette (Giordano) Ribauda, Mrs. Stellke grew up in the Bronx before moving to the Highland Lakes section of Vernon, where she resided until retiring to Toms River. After her husband's passing, she moved to Middletown, New York to be near her brother. Mrs. Stellke began her career in education at New York University as an administrative assistant and retired from Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, New York as their school administrator. She was an animal lover and had a special connection with her dogs and cats.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, William Stellke, Sr. and her sister, Rosanne Ribauda. Valerie is survived by her brother, Nicholas Ribauda and his wife Patricia of Peekskill, New York; her nephews, Francis Ribauda and his wife Dimitra and Nicholas Ribauda, Jr. and his wife Melissa; her great nephew and nieces, William, Julie and Noelle Ribauda; her step-children, Doreen Levine, William, Jr., Robert and Richard Stellke and their eight children and seven grandchildren.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at

the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow at Deckertown- Union Cemetery in Wantage. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Valerie Stellke's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Deckertown-Union Cemetery

Route 23 South  
Sussex, NJ 07461

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
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## Service

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Val was the first person to welcome me to Wildflowers. She brought a large box of cookies as a gift. She will be missed by her neighbors and I.

~ Linda Elston

Linda Elston - May 29, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Valerie J. Stellke.



May 27, 2024 at 09:02 PM

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“ With Love Billy,Bobby,Doreen and Ricky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Valerie J. Stellke.

With Love Billy,Bobby,Doreen and Ricky - May 27, 2024 at 09:02 PM

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“ The Esposito and Gritsipis-Perez Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Valerie J. Stellke.



The Esposito and Gritsipis-Perez Family - May 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM