



Marlene Ann Carpenter

December 12, 2023

Marlene Ann Carpenter, 90, of Lancaster, PA, was called to join her heavenly family and friends on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. She died peacefully at Homestead Village surrounded by family and the dedicated, compassionate staff of Apostles Care Center. Born in Geneva, NY, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Willard F. and Lucille Guilfus Crosier and the wife of Ronald C. Carpenter, 68 years. Marlene's gentle spirit will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

A 1950 graduate of Geneva High School, Marlene studied premed at Cornell University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1955. Her life journey with Ronald led to Lowville, Lyons Falls, Minetto, Oswego, NY and Lancaster in 1974. Marlene was a lifelong learner and lived her life as a woman of faith.

Marlene served with passion as Registrar for Donegal-Witness Tree Chapter, DAR. She volunteered for Mennonite Central Committee, Resource Center in Ephrata, Calvary Church visitation team, Sight Center, Vietnamese Refugees, and an avid supporter of many worthwhile causes. She was a member of Calvary Church and continued special ties to Minetto United Methodist.

Marlene genuinely cherished times with her family, friends, attending concerts, plays, traveling, camping, genealogy research, gardening (she had a green thumb like her father), avid baking (like her mother), sewing, knitting and

crafting.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by her daughter, Suzanne (Mark) Landis of PA, her son, R. Sheldon (Mei) Carpenter of OH, her son, Richard Carpenter (Gail) of VA, her sister, Dianne Weslowski, Auburn, NY, sister-in-law, Nancy Crosier, Geneva, NY, five grandchildren: Brandon, Katy, Janet, Jennifer, Kurt, great-granddaughter, Aubrey, special cousin Martha (James) Wood and lifelong childhood friend, Carolyn (Jensen) Donahue. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Donald Crosier, brother-in-law, Chester Weslowski and her special Gramma Jessie.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Marlene's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor K. M. Brown, Sr. officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. A live stream of the service can be viewed at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/5471256590>. Interment to be held in the spring at Canoga Cemetery, Seneca Falls, NY with a Celebration of Life at the convenience of the family.

Contributions in Marlene's name may be sent in lieu of flowers to Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development at www.schreiberpediatric.org, Jackson Laboratory, 600 Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 attention: Marlene C. and Ronald Carpenter Fund for Innovative Research, Mennonite Central Committee, 21 S. 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marlene Ann Carpenter.*



December 19, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *With our sympathies, The Van Ness family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Ann Carpenter.*

With our sympathies, The Van Ness family - December 19, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Joyce, Mo, Donna and Deb purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Marlene Ann Carpenter.*



Joyce, Mo, Donna and Deb - December 17, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Suzanne M Landis - December 15, 2023 at 03:00 AM

CH

I love ❤️ this photo of you and your mom ❤️ I'm so very sorry for your loss, she will sing with her family and angels this Christmas, she will be missed but always be there for you 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Christine Hodge - December 16, 2023 at 11:58 AM

JG

“ *Ron and Family,*

I wanted to send my thoughts and prayers to you. It was a pleasure meeting and caring for Marlene overnight. I hated that I had been in the hospital and then had to move from the area and couldn't continue with my night shifts. I only wish I had known that Marlene was from Geneva and also belonged to DAR. I had friends (family?) that lived in Geneva and growing up would frequently visit there. One of the ladies was also a DAR member. Ironically, one of the doctors I work for ended up being the provider that cared for Marlene at Homestead. Also wish I would have gotten to meet all of you. I don't know if I will be able to make it down from Saxton, but I see the service will be live streamed, so that is good to know. Again, love and prayers to all.



*Jacqueline Griest
Saxton PA*

JACQUELINE G GRIEST - December 15, 2023 at 01:34 AM

SL

Thank you Jackie, your time with our sweet Marlene was greatly appreciated. Our family is blessed by your kind words. Love the connections, too bad we did not realize it sooner.

Suzanne M Landis - December 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JE

Some years ago Marlene was assembling my family history and needed one more piece of evidence for submission to DAR. She knew of a certain library somewhere in Ohio; so, when she and Ron headed west to visit their son, she stopped there and found what she was looking for. How did she know that piece of Upper Peninsula, Michigan, history could be found in Ohio? Marlene was an excellent registrar and always a lady, a fine lady to be sure.

Jessie - December 18, 2023 at 08:42 AM

SC

What a great memory you shared, thank you.

suzanne carpenter - December 24, 2023 at 09:07 PM