



Helen VanLeer

August 4, 2008

Helen VanLeer, 87, of Upper Pittsgrove peacefully passed away at her home Monday evening. Born in Parr, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Clara Longstreth of Woodstown. Mrs. VanLeer graduated from Woodstown High School in 1938. Furthermore, some of her other important achievements and interactions include: a founding member of the Mater Dei Ladies Auxiliary, sales manager for Sarah Coventry Inc., member of St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Society and a local business woman, as a beautician, for 60 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Clare Pierce, with whom she resided; daughter, Gladys Shoemaker-Hannah of Daretown, NJ; her sons, Paul VanLeer of Elmer, NJ, William VanLeer and his wife Mary of Reno, NV and Edward VanLeer of Sparta, TN; her son-in-law, Barry Pierce of Mullica Hill, NJ; grandchildren, Hope Podsiadlo (Philip) of Monroeville, NJ, Zachary Pierce of Elmer, NJ, Heather Dalton (Eric) of Keyport, NJ, Lynn VanLeer of Bloomington, IN, Crystal VanLeer of Lakewood, CO, Norton Shoemaker III of Wilkes-Barre, PA and Clare Johnston (Dave) of Saucier, MS; her great grandchildren, whom she completely cherished and adored, Antonia and Nicholas Podsiadlo of Monroeville and Willie Johnston of Saucier, MS and Jordan Pierce-Hayes of CA; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Longstreth and nephew Paul "Buddy" Longstreth of Panama City, FL; nieces; Anne Kleine of South Carolina, Jean Clark and Barbara Johnson of Florida. She also leaves behind a very good friend, Miriam "S mitty" Gibson of Elmer and her four legged

protector, Bubbles. A warm and special thanks is extended to her aide and fast friend, Marcy Hayes.

Her husband Wibert VanLeer (1983), a brother, Paul Longstreth (2007) and a grandson, Jack Shoemaker (2001) predeceased her.

Helen's involvement in her family, church and work allowed her to touch the lives of many and leave a loving and lasting impression. All are welcome to attend the viewing and mass to celebrate her life along with the family. The visitation will be held on Friday Evening, August 8th, from 7 till 9pm at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Mater Dei Nursing Home, Saturday morning, August 9, 2008 at 10am 176 Rt 40 Upper Pittsgrove, NJ. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be sent in her memory to Mater Dei Nursing Home, 176 Rt 40, Newfield NJ 08344. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall



“ Our deepest condolences to the family from a long time friend we wish we could be there but many miles seperate us..I can sit back and think of many fun times with the family that will never be forgotten...Thank you for the memories...Love,
Deborah,Lynn,Anthony & Tiffany###imported-begin##Deborah
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