



Martha Koziel

April 11, 2025

Martha Koziel (AKA Nana, Mom), 92, passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on Friday, April 11, 2025 surrounded by the love and memories she created over a life well lived. She was born on October 28, 1932, in Camden, New Jersey, to Emilie and Albrecht Henschel and was a resident of Pittsgrove, New Jersey, for over 62 years. The true and absolute matriarch of her family, Martha was known and loved by all for her wit, warmth, fierce independence and never shying away from giving anyone a hard truth. Martha left behind not just family and friends, but a legacy of character traits, joys, laughter, and moments that will be cherished forever.

Martha is survived by her three children, Linda Harper, Brenda Brown and Ernest Koziel, and the absolute lights of her world, her grandchildren, Danielle Montana Wolfson, Anthony Montana, Angelina Montana, Julia Montana, Amanda Koziel, Chelsea Koziel and Andrew Koziel as well as her extended family - Richard Montana, Sonya Hastings, Abby Hastings, Joan Hathaway, Edgar Hathaway and Patty Alexander, her caregiver for the last three years. She was predeceased by some of her very favorite people: her mother, Emilie, father, Albrecht, her husband, Walter, her nephew, Lawrence Hurst, and later life partner, Walter Harris, and she is probably enjoying a Bing Crosby record and a glass of Manaschewitz with all of them at this moment.

Martha was employed by Colonial Applicator (later Comar) for 40 years,

retiring in 1994 to care for her grandchildren. She found beauty in simplicity and purpose in the everyday: watching over and helping out all of her neighbors, her afternoon word searches, planting flowers at the Olivet United Methodist Church every spring, adopting and regularly cleaning litter from Sheep Pen Road, picking local wild blueberries used to bake muffins for family and friends, enjoying reading The Daily Journal every single day and finding the best yard sales county-wide on Saturdays.

One of her favorite sayings in her later years was “I’m still here!”, and while she will be immeasurably missed by those who knew and loved her, we find comfort in knowing that her memories and legacy will always still be “here”.

The service, open to Martha’s family, friends, neighbors, and anyone whose lives she touched, will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025 at Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main Street, Elmer, NJ 08318. Guests should arrive at 10:00am to pay respects to the family, with a service to follow at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Olivet Church (<https://oumc.com/give>).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home
111 S. Main Street
Elmer, NJ 08318

Memorial Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Koziel.

April 21, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Koziel.

April 18, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Koziel.



April 18, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ We love you, Betty and Marty purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Martha Koziel.



We love you, Betty and Marty - April 17, 2025 at 08:04 AM

WM

“ We love you, Betty and Marty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Koziel.

We love you, Betty and Marty - April 17, 2025 at 08:04 AM

KJ

“ I remember the time when Martha came over to my grandmother's house when she was ill and I didn't even have to ask her. She just did it on her own to help her out with her daily needs and I was so blessed to have a good neighbor with such a caring, thoughtful heart
With deepest sympathy
Kenneth Dooley Jr.



Kenneth Dooley Jr. - April 16, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Martha Koziel.



April 16, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DC

“ Darlene Carter lit a candle in memory of Martha Koziel



Darlene Carter - April 16, 2025 at 01:02 PM

MP

“ Michal P. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Martha Koziel.



Michal P. - April 16, 2025 at 04:02 AM



“ Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Martha Koziel



Carol Molinari Monks - April 14, 2025 at 06:37 PM

BF

“ Bryan Ternay and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Koziel.

Bryan Ternay and Family - April 14, 2025 at 05:52 PM

BF

“ Bryan Ternay and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martha Koziel.



Bryan Ternay and Family - April 14, 2025 at 05:52 PM

SS

“ Linda and family,
I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I know she loved attending Olivet Church on Sunday's. We enjoyed stopping by her house to CAROLL at Christmas time. Prayer 's to all of your family for comfort at this time.

Susan Sheppard - April 14, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JB

“ I have fond memories of Martha from my time with Martha at the Senior Center.R.I.P. Martha your friend, Jennie Brown



Jennie Brown - April 14, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Koziel.



April 13, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martha Koziel.



April 13, 2025 at 11:53 AM