



## ELEANOR STREELMAN

January 15, 1937 - October 20, 2017

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The corner of Old Woodstock and Village Place became a lot quieter this week. Eleanor Streelman, 80, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away the morning of October 20, 2017.

Eleanor was born to parents Arthur Martin and Hildegarde (Boettcher) Martin on January 15, 1937, in Jersey City, NJ. Growing up in Union City surrounded by what would become lifelong friends, she enjoyed spending summers with her family and friends at Oak Ridge Lake Park where she would eventually meet her husband of 59 years, Frank J. Streelman. She graduated from Union Hill High School, soon after beginning her career at Associated Merchandising Corporation in New York City until starting a family in 1961. Eleanor and Frank built a house in Oak Ridge where they moved in 1963 and have lived ever since. She was a long time member of the Milton United Methodist Church.

A loving wife, a fierce friend, a mother, an Oma, Eleanor was a kind and compassionate soul wrapped up in a tough German exterior. She was the

type of person who at one moment would be threatening to “take care” of someone who had wronged her family and the next be baking dozens of cookies for her grandkids’ college dorm floors. Her secret to making a delicious pound cake was replacing the water in the recipe for rum, and she enjoyed sharing piña coladas with her daughters and sons-in-law on her back deck (never mai tais, though; she had one on a cruise once and it was horrible).

Eleanor could be found where ever her grandchildren were, whether it was at a sporting event, band concert, or even a sea turtle hospital in North Carolina, as well as out to lunch with “the girls”, in a Hallmark store, or lost in Walmart. She loved to watch and feed the wildlife in her backyard, becoming popular amongst the birds, turkeys, feral cats, and, to her displeasure, the squirrels and bears. For years, Eleanor and her husband shared annual fishing trips to Canada, vacations in Lake George, and cruises with close friends.

In her time, Eleanor enjoyed cooking and baking, playing the piano, ice skating in New York City, taking on new craft projects, giving her family gifts they didn’t always quite know what to do with, tending to her many plants, hosting weekend lunches and after-work tea time, and taking photos of everyone and everything. She was a soul you’d be lucky to meet once in your lifetime, forever changing the lives of all she touched.

Eleanor leaves behind her beloved husband Frank J. Streelman of Oak Ridge, NJ; her loving children Lisa Swerzenski and her husband Thomas of Oak Ridge, NJ and Amy Breder and her husband Howard of Oak Ridge, NJ; her cherished grandchildren David, Kristen, and Daniel Swerzenski and Howie and Elizabeth Breder; her loving brother Arthur Martin and his wife Christine; her sisters-in-law Jean Altmann and her husband Paul, and Betty Ann Russinko and her husband Gary, her dear nieces and nephews Steven, Jennifer, Paula, Jody, Laurie and Gary; her grand-dog, Koda; as well as many

other beloved family members, friends, and Godchildren.

The family welcomes visitors for a celebration of Eleanor's life at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home. A visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25th, and a prayer service will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a repast at Portofino's restaurant in Oak Ridge.

Rest easy and swim free, Oma. Say hi to Daisy for me.

Final disposition will be private.

Memorial donations may be made in Eleanor's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Log onto [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com) tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

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## Prayer Service

OCT **26.** 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kristen lit a candle in memory of ELEANOR STREELMAN*



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**Kristen** - January 15, 2022 at 11:43 PM

KR

“ *Kristen lit a candle in memory of ELEANOR STREELMAN*



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**Kristen** - October 20, 2020 at 07:21 PM

KR

“Oma, I cannot believe it has been an entire year since we were last together. A whole year without you. I won't lie, it has been one of the hardest years for all of us. Learning how to put ourselves back together and continue moving forward has been one of the biggest challenges most of us have ever faced, especially since you left such a big hole in our lives and the pieces just don't fit together the way they used to. But little by little we have all pressed on, and though not a day goes by where I don't think about you, the memories we shared are slowly shedding the sorrow and pain and are being replaced with nostalgia and happiness. I feel that's what you would have wanted.



A lot has changed in this past year. I have a new job, in Disney no less, and I hate to disappoint you but I am not a janitor in the castle. I know you said I'd be good at that, but it turns out I am also pretty good at driving safari trucks. We took Grampy down to Florida for a visit earlier this year, and we're working on planning another trip so that I can drive him around on my truck, so don't you worry about him because we are keeping him busy. Everyone else is doing well, trying every day to just keep on keeping on.

We all miss you terribly. Some days are much harder than others, but we're helping each other get through. And while I would go to the end of the world and back just to see you again, I carry a part of you with me everywhere I go. So even though you may be gone from the world, you will never be gone from me. And just so you know, there is always a seat on my safari saved for you.

I love you so, so much, Oma. May we meet again.

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**Kristen** - October 20, 2018 at 12:27 PM

KS

“ Well Oma, he did it. We weren't sure for a moment if he'd make it but your last grandson now has his college degree. We all missed you incredibly at the ceremony, but I'm sure wherever you were watching was a lot drier than where we were. You'd be so proud of him, Oma, though I'm sure you are spreading the news everywhere up there. We love you so much.



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**KS** - May 28, 2018 at 10:19 PM

KR

“ Kristen lit a candle in memory of ELEANOR STREELMAN



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**Kristen** - December 25, 2017 at 08:59 PM

KR

“ Thinking of you a little extra today, Oma. Please let Erin know her grandpa is in good hands.



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**Kristen** - November 30, 2017 at 09:04 PM

RE

“ Renee’ purchased the Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



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**Renee’** - October 25, 2017 at 08:48 PM

OL

“ Dear Eleanor, we were friends for 75 years and being your friend was always so easy. We shared so many happy - and sad - memories beginning in Union City, NJ as 4 and 5 year olds. Our friendship was a blessing. I will miss you. Say "hi" to Gordon and Val. Love you dear friend.

*Olga Lanum*

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**Olga Lanum** - October 25, 2017 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ I knew Eleanor all my life as she was my Mom's cousin and they were very close. I especially have fond memories of Christmastime. Her warmth and generosity always made me feel special. She will be sorely missed.

*Mark Miller*

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**Mark Miller** - October 24, 2017 at 06:48 PM

KT

“ Kathleen Thompson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



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**Kathleen Thompson** - October 24, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



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October 23, 2017 at 07:37 PM

PG

“ We entered each other's lives as neighbors but you graciously opened your heart to me and made me a member of the family. You could never know how much this has meant to me and how much love and joy you have given me. Know that you are loved and will be deeply missed. I will cherish all the memories and time spent together. Rest in Peace, dear friend. Pat

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**Pat Garcia** - October 23, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DH

“ We have so many wonderful memories of times spent together, and I could never forget the Friday night knitting circle. The world has lost a beautiful soul. She will live on in our hearts until we're all together again in the heavenlies.

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**Debbie Houlihan** - October 23, 2017 at 12:59 PM

DA

“ Dear Eleanor, more a sister than a cousin. We grew up together and you were my role model - beautiful, smart, and so kind. Our children and grandchildren called you "Aunt", because you gave so much love to all. We will miss you so much. Be at peace - we love you.  
Darleen & Ben Wawroski

DarleenWawroski - October 23, 2017 at 12:48 PM

AG

“ Ann M Grilk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



Ann M Grilk - October 23, 2017 at 12:25 PM

FG

“ Rest easy Dear Friend. Remembering all the cups of coffee around your dining room table and your famous plum or apple cake. We are blessed to have shared time with you. Frank and Gerri

FRANK AND GERRI - October 23, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



October 23, 2017 at 08:26 AM

FR

“ Frank & Gerri, John & Jayne, Tony & Rene purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



Frank & Gerri, John & Jayne, Tony & Rene - October 23, 2017  
at 08:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



October 22, 2017 at 12:07 PM

KS

“ Aunt Eleanor we will miss you beyond words. I will cherish all the wonderful memories and will be forever grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity toward me and my family. Rest in eternal peace . We love you and will continue prayers for Uncle Frank, Lisa, Amy and the family.

Krista Stechschulte - October 21, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of ELEANOR STREELMAN.



October 21, 2017 at 04:55 PM

EM

“ To our friend over the years. We will remember the shared adventures filled with laughter, think of you and smile. You will be missed. Rest in Peace.

*Ellie and Steve*

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**Eleanor Munze** - October 21, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JR

“ Rest in peace my dear friend, we treasure the happy celebrations and many vacations we shared. Your struggle is over, we loved you and will miss you.

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**John and Ruth** - October 21, 2017 at 08:14 AM