



## MARLENE M. DIEFES

April 25, 1938 - February 15, 2023

### VISITATION:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

2-4PM

AND

6-8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

### PRAYER SERVICE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

7PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

Marlene M. Diefes, 84 years, formerly of Oak Ridge, NJ passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

She was born on April 25, 1938 in Springfield, MA to the late Annie (nee Sullivan) and the late Arthur Sumner Rackliffe.

Marlene spent most of her adult life in Jefferson Township (Oak Ridge) and raised four children. She was known to all of their friends as Mrs. D., Mom, "Marleeeeen" or Grammy. You could always find her at every sporting event and she was by far the loudest one cheering!

She knew everyone in Jefferson, maybe not by name, but by their face or by which one of her kids they graduated with.

Her true calling in life was as a caregiver. She cared for young children for years, raised her own kids and then later in life became a home health aide, caring for the elderly.

Never wanting to leave Jefferson, she finally settled down in Jefferson Chase and continued her caring for some of her best friends, Marilyn, Vito, and Josie.

One of her favorite things to do was walking to the Dunkin Donuts to have her Caramel Swirl coffee and people watch.

Marlene was a parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church in Oak Ridge, NJ and was a member of the Rosary Society.

She was predeceased by her sister Elaine Holland.

Marlene leaves behind four children, Bill Diefes of Lake Shawnee, NJ, Scott Diefes of Lake Wales, FL. Brenda Cox and her husband Dallas of Winchester, Virginia, and Donald Diefes and his wife Kathleen of Tinton Falls, NJ; her four grandchildren: Michael, Jennifer, Daniel and Jordan and a brand-new great granddaughter she didn't get to meet, Charlotte James; along with "adopted" granddaughters Casey, Bailey, and Kiley; as well as her four nieces and one nephew.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm with a prayer service at 7pm at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place).

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home  
187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com  
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## Visitation

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayer Service

FEB 20. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Donna Demarest lit a candle in memory of MARLENE DIEFES*



Donna Demarest - February 26, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 19, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 19, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RR

“ *Your mom was someone you could count on to tell the truth. I worked with Marlene years ago and we could start up a conversation without hesitation when we would see each other around town.  
May your memories bring you comfort like a warm hug.*

Robin G Roodenburg - February 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JG

“ *Marleeeen! The Guerra family will miss you! Great memories for many years! May you RIP!* 🙏❤️

John Guerra - February 19, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 19, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 18, 2023 at 07:44 PM

DK

“ *Bill, Scott, Brenda & Don ~  
Your Mom was a special woman who touched so many hearts and lives. She was loved and treasured more than you may ever know. She gave me some of my very best childhood memories as we shared Easters and summer vacations together. Aunty Marlene always had a tender and loving gesture for me and I will never forget that. Please know, she is truly at peace in her soul, and she lives on in your hearts. You have an Angel Mother to look over you now. Wrapping you in love and comfort as you move through this painful journey. With all our love and strength, Donna & Jon*

Donna Keleske - February 18, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 18, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 17, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Marlene will miss you so much - rest in peace - the Guerra Family*

**Paul Guerra** - February 17, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.*



February 17, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of MARLENE M. DIEFES.



February 17, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ Billy, Scott, Brenda, and Donnie~  
My prayers are with you all. Aunt Marlene is going to be very missed. She was a wonderful lady and I will always have the memories of Easters you all would spend with us, the summers we would spend vacation in Oak Ridge. The mornings I would call her on my way into NYC just to say good morning to her. The many talks she and I would have after mom passed. I love you all very much and you all are in my thoughts and prayers! 🙏🙏🙏

Kara Holland - February 16, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ Kara Holland lit a candle in memory of MARLENE DIEFES



Kara Holland - February 16, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ She was a doll I always sat with her when I saw her at Dunkin. Rest In Peace. Your a beautiful woman. Dawn Turton’

dawn turton - February 16, 2023 at 07:21 PM

DM

“ Prayers to the whole family. Marlene was a household name in the Merz family, always time for coffee & a chat or a passing smile. She certainly deserves the joy of eternal peace in heaven after all her years of care to so many.

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**Debi Merz-Bennett** - February 16, 2023 at 04:53 PM

BC

“ Love ya will miss you forever ❤️🙏🏻

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**Brenda Cox** - February 16, 2023 at 02:46 PM