



Regina Veerkamp

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Mrs. Regina Veerkamp, born Regina van den Hoogen, 90, of Huntersville, NC, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Friday, February 17, 2017, surrounded by her loving children

Regina was born on June 25, 1926 in Uden, the Netherlands, where she grew up under Nazi occupation before meeting her future husband Arnold Veerkamp while working in The Hague for an American diplomat. They married and in 1956 emigrated to New Jersey, where they worked together as domestic help, including over three decades on the estates of Emelia Engelhard in Bernardsville, and Charles & Jane Engelhard in Far Hills, where Arnold was Superintendent.

After many wonderful years and raising their children in Bernardsville, NJ, Regina and Arnold retired in 1988 and settled in South Carolina, first in Rose Hill Plantation and later in Sun City Hilton Head. After her husband's death in 2006, Regina relocated to Huntersville, NC to be near her daughter, where she was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church. Regina loved walking, entertaining, card playing, and traveling, and most of all spending time with her family and friends. She was very proud of her Dutch heritage and of her collection of antiques and her own needlework.

Regina is survived by her children, daughter Helen Veerkamp Draheim, son-in-law Mark Draheim, and granddaughter Peyton Draheim of Huntersville, NC; her son Anthony Veerkamp and his partner Michael Paulos of San Francisco, CA; her sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth and Henk Ariens of Barnegat, NJ. In addition, she is survived by loving family in the Netherlands, including brother and sister-in-law Jan and Paula van den Hoogen, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Anton and Riet Veerkamp of Monster, and sister-in-law Nolda van den Hoogen of Uden, whose husband Daaf, Regina's brother, passed way just a week before Regina.

A private memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 20, 2017 at James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Novant Health Hospice, P.O. Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233.

Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.



Tribute Wall

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HB

Helen Brennan posted:

Regina and I moved into the Glens on the same day and we were next door neighbors for many years. We immediately became great friends and stayed close over the past 11 years. I have so many wonderful memories of sharing meals together, going for walks with her beloved little dog, Ginger, and sharing so many stories of our earlier lives and our families. She was a dear friend and I will miss her terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with her beautiful family. Love, Helen Brennan

February 22 at 12:01 PM

TM

Tricia Mccaa posted:

Helen, so sorry to hear of your mother's death. What a life she had lived! She must have had many stories to tell about your dad and her. I know you will miss her. My mother died 8 years ago and I still miss her every day. God bless you and Mark and Peyton.

February 22 at 8:58 AM

JS

Jan Stoughton posted:

During the past year, my friend and I who are Eucharist ministers at St. Mark Catholic Church have been bringing Holy Communion to Regina on Tuesdays. She was not only special but such a joy to know and spend time with during the past year. She had a great love for the Lord and her faith. Also, Regina always was happy to receive the Eucharist. She was very thankful recently when we gave her a Holy card that had touched all the sacred places during our St. Mark Church trip in November to the Holy Land. When she could not join us in the gathering room with the other Catholic residents, we would go to her room and talk and pray with her before Communion. We loved visiting her beautiful room and hearing her telling us all about her family, keepsakes, and pictures on display. One day recently, we were looking out her window in her room, and we noticed how she had such a beautiful view of St. Mark Church and how close it seemed. I remember she commented: "But, what good is the closeness, because I cannot go or even walk there"! Regina, you will always hold a special place in our hearts and prayers. May Regina rest in peace. Jesus we trust in You!

February 18 at 5:17 PM

BT

Bereavement Ministry Team posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

February 18 at 4:09 AM



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Claire Jospitre posted:

I genuinely regret your loss. I hope that in due time your family receives God's peace that excels all thought, so that it will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. God is called the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation. Rest assured that God cares for all his creatures and he would never bring us suffering. A soothing scripture I like is Psalm 34:18 which reads: "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Thus, while you await the Paradise where no one will be sick and die, may you lean on Jehovah God to cope with your separation from beloved Regina. — Psalm 37:29.

February 17 at 4:02 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Regina by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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