



## Emily H. Vandersteur

January 31, 1936 - December 14, 2023

Emily H. Vandersteur, 87, of Pennsville, NJ passed away on December 14, 2023. Emily was preceded in death by her husband Pieter Vandersteur and 12 older siblings. She is survived by her children, Keith L. Vandersteur (Margaret), Derek A. Vandersteur (Rachael); her grandchildren, Tricia (Mike) Youngers, Meghan (Mike) Palvino, Noelle Vandersteur, Jared Vandersteur; her great-grandchildren Jovie Youngers, Leo Palvino, Camie Youngers, Niko Palvino; and her sister, Betty Trim.

Shortly after meeting her first husband, Pieter Vandersteur, at Cornell University while working in food service, they were married. Keith was born in 1961 and Derek in 1968. They lived in several cities throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York as Pieter pursued his career in restaurant management, however he came down with Multiple Sclerosis. A few years after Pieter's untimely death in 1971, she met and married George Forsyth in 1974. They lived on a dairy farm in Oakfield, NY while the boys grew up. She enjoyed mowing the lawn, cooking Sunday dinners for the family, gardening, bowling, ceramics, golfing, Hutchinson family reunions, traveling to Hawaii and Florida and faithfully attended the Oakfield United Methodist Church. Emily and George were divorced in 1984. Emily returned to working in the food service industry, and did so for the next 23 years. She moved to central Florida in 1993 to escape the snow and ice and to be closer to two of her siblings and niece. She worked at the Tropicana plant in food service. While living at Terra Ceia manor trailer park in Palmetto, Florida she enjoyed playing

dominos and Rumikub, crocheting, making chocolates, serving food at the First Baptist Church in Palmetto and playing bingo with friends.

In 2016, Emily fell and broke her kneecap, thereby requiring a walker to get around after that. She subsequently moved north to be near family, living in New York for a short time before moving to a senior apartment complex in Carneys Point, NJ. Emily enjoyed doing word searches, coloring, attending Calvary Baptist Church, watching baseball, and attending various school athletic events and stage productions that her grandchildren participated in. During the last 3 years she lived at Golden/Autumn Lakes Nursing Home in Mannington, NJ as she needed extra help in managing her Alzheimer's disease.

A graveside burial is planned to be held on July 13, 2024 at Acacia Park Cemetery in North Tonawanda, NY, where her ashes will be placed beside her first husband, Pieter Vandersteur. A celebration of life service will be held in Oakfield, NY also on July 13, 2024, details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



LW - June 22 at 04:57 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Emily H. Vandersteur



carol - December 27, 2023 at 10:11 PM

CW

“ Emily was a cheerful person who laughed easily ,enjoyed family get togethers and loved her church. She took pains with her wardrobe and hair and always looked nice. She was only 10 years older than I but she endeared herself to me by being like a second mother to me with comments like “your hair is always hanging in your face; why don’t you cut it???” And the funny thing is...she was right! Besides ,she liked my rhubarb pies and red velvet cake but if she didn’t like something you heard that too! She was a good human being ! Rest In Peace, Emily

Cheryl Davis mother to Derek’s wife - December 20, 2023 at 12:49 AM

BP

*So sorry for the loss of your Mother. I pray that God give you peace & comfort at this time. Love & Prays Barbara Powers*

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**Barbara Powers** - December 20, 2023 at 09:57 AM

MV

*I have so many fond memories of Aunt Emily and the Hutchinson Clan at many family reunions over the past years. I'll always remember her for her beautiful smile.*

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**Mark Vosburgh** - December 20, 2023 at 12:29 PM