



Nelva Schermerhorn

September 15, 1937 - November 21, 2020

Nelva Jane Herrman Schermerhorn, age 83 of Pennsville, NJ passed away on Saturday, November 21st, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 15, 1937 to Macie Phelps Herrman and Norris Elmer Herrman. An accomplished young woman, she graduated from Regional High School of Penns Grove at the age of 16, and in her pursuit to help others, attended nursing school in Philadelphia. Her love for family exceeded all else and she chose to leave nursing school after one year to work and support her widowed mother. Nelva worked at DuPont for 36 years, playing a significant role in implementing the MOSS system in the Agricultural Division, and retired as a Manager in the Agricultural Department, a position that she was extremely proud of.

Nelva married Grant L. Schermerhorn on January 11, 1957, celebrating 63 years of marriage this year. She was inducted into The Eastern Star in 1975, belonged to Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 58 years, and, continuing her interest in service, volunteered at Salem County Hospital Auxiliary and was on the hospital committee. A member of the Church of Nazarene-Pennsville, she was heavily involved in planning and executing weekly events, as well as serving on retreats and mission trips.

She was an avid traveler, visiting all 50 states with her family on their cross-country motorhome trips, and traveling to numerous islands in the Caribbean

and countries in Europe, including France and the Netherlands. Nelva also looked forward to spending time with her close-knit sorority on their skiing trips. A Breast Cancer Survivor, she lived life to its fullest.

Nelva raised three outgoing children and lived to attend her five grandchildren's activities and achievements, to which she proudly boasted to anyone who would listen. To her, becoming a great-grandmother to five great-grandchildren was one of her greatest blessings. It is difficult to imagine all other milestones we will not be able to experience with her.

A strong woman of faith and family, she is already greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband Grant L Schermerhorn Jr., sister Gladys Peterson, three children Bruce Schermerhorn (Mark), Cynthia Roeske (Alfred), and Danel Hultberg (Michael), five grandchildren Amanda Hoyt (Mike), Alfred Roeske III (Brittany), Megan Hultberg, Ryan Hultberg, and MacKenzie Hultberg, and five great-grandchildren Declan Hoyt, Delaney Hoyt, Kye Roeske, Finnegan Roeske, and Atlee Roeske.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 28th, 2020 at Lawnside Cemetery in Woodstown, NJ.

Contributions can be made in her memory to Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation (MDS) <https://www.mds-foundation.org/donate/>.

Cemetery Details

Lawnside Cemetery

1017 Route 40
Pilesgrove, NJ 08098
(856) 769-2626

Previous Events

graveside service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ Charlie Garrison and Janet Garrison now living in Mendocino, CA have warm and special memories of Nelva and Grant. Charlie was a Penns Grove, High School graduate; however, I, Janet, his wife did not meet him until we went to Maryville College in Tenn where we dated and married in 1958..When we attended the 35th high school reunion, Nelva and Grant went out of their way to welcome us, me especially and a bond and friendship began at that time. They visited us at our home in Mendocino, CA./, went to the state of WA where we had a home there and family, visited us in FL and always made us feel special. The spirit and warmth that Nelva carried spread outwards creating a bond of lifetime friendship. we consider it an honor that she and Grant opened their hearts to both Charlie and I sharing special times together over the years. Nelva will be missed --but remembered as a true GIVER--thinking and giving to others with Grant supporting and sharing the moments. We are thankful for the memories we enjoyed and will always value and remember our friendship.

charlie and jan garrison - January 04, 2021 at 08:48 PM

HL

“ Henry Lynch lit a candle in memory of Nelva Schermerhorn



Henry Lynch - December 31, 2020 at 06:30 PM

JW

“ *Nelva was one of the first people I met when I started at Du Pont in 1976. One of my favorite stories is when I was pregnant with my 2nd child I would always bring two of everything to share with Nelva. After my son was born Nelva said she had to go on weight watchers because she ate what I did but didn't give birth to a 10 lb baby. We became friends and continued the friendship after she left du Pont. She was a true friend and shared her family with you. I will miss her but so glad we stopped by to visit last fall. I know you will all miss her. Sending hugs and prayers to her family!*

Joyce Williamson

Joyce Williamson - December 28, 2020 at 07:47 PM

MB

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Nelva was a special lady .
Take care Grant.
M.Brainard*

Mary Brainard - November 27, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Nelva Schermerhorn.*



November 26, 2020 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ I remember when I would go to New Jersey for two weeks with my grandparents and Aunt Nelva took me to a place that had the most awesome peaches. I remember when she took me shopping and bought me a new dress. She was an amazing woman.

sheryl henderson - November 23, 2020 at 08:20 PM

MJ

“ Nelva, A classy lady. We had a lot of good times with her and Grant. They parented three great children and have a lovely family. We will miss her so much. Sincerely, Marie and Charles Haaf, Jr., Woodstown, N.J.

Marie & Charles Haaf Jr - November 23, 2020 at 10:36 AM