



Sonya Sonnie MacFarland

February 13, 1939 - March 4, 2020

Sonya "Sonnie" MacFarland, 81 of Mullica Hill, went to be with her Savior early Wednesday morning March 4, 2020 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Sonnie was born February 13, 1939 in Bridgeton, NJ to the late Homer C. and Geneva Chew MacFarland. She grew up in Woodbury and had also previously lived in Richwood.

Sonnie was employed for several years in the Healthcare industry; she was a Physical Therapist retiring in 1998 where she was lastly employed with the offices of Dr. Haines, Boyson and Brown. She loved her work, but was also very active in her church, Pittsgrove Baptist Church. When asked about the things she enjoyed in life she responded being active in Campfire Girls, Brownies and Girl Scouting, Tri Hi Y, HBA (HS Born-Again), Christian Youth Groups, singing in Choir, Glee Club, Girls Chorus at many levels, the Citizenship Institute, National Honor Society, Delta Rho, Teaching swimming, Lifesaving, Water Safety and Handicap Swimming for the Red Cross for 10 years, APTA regional secretary, Chief Guide for the Pioneers Girls of First Baptist Church Woodbury for 9 years, taking part in Masters Swim Meets, Many Many years of teaching Sunday School, AWANA Pittsgrove Baptist, singing with the Gloucester County Community Choir, Canoeing, Kayaking with the Mohawk, South Jersey, and Sierra Canoe Clubs, Horseback riding, Camping, Gardening, lots of Traveling, but mostly being with her family. She was courageous to the end and has fought the good fight. Rest in Peace with the Lord Sonnie.

Surviving her is her brother Rev. Stephen R. MacFarland and his wife Frances of Mullica Hill, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and her church family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services on Monday March 9. 2020 at 11:00am from the Upper Pittsgrove Baptist Church 368 Daretown Road , Elmer, NJ. Sonnie's pastor Rev. Joe Schneider and cousin Rev. Aleksander Saar will officiate. The interment will be in the family plot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Elmer. A viewing will be held at the church prior to the services from 9:00 till 11:00am.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Grove Cemetery

Richwood Road
Elmer, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Upper Pittsgrove Baptist Church
368 Daretown Road
Elmer, NJ 08318

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sonnie was my cousin and more than that the most thoughtful and loving individual I have ever known. My wife Pat and I were visiting my youngest daughter and her husband in Germany this past October and I'm not sure Sonnie remembered where we would be. We were sound asleep one night when my mobile phone rang, it was 3:00am. When I picked up the phone all I could hear was a piano playing Happy Birthday and when the song finished it was Sonnie on the other end. I will never forget that Birthday or the thoughtfulness that went into that song. Sonnie we miss you very much and wish you God's Speed and Happiness in reuniting with your parents in Glory.*
Your Cousins Carl & Pat Chew

Carl Chew - March 08, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Sonnie and I were not only cousins, we were good friends. We were born in the same year. I remember when we were young the family would visit us in Connecticut and we would go to Rocky Neck Beach. Later on my mother and I would take the train to Woodbury to visit Aunt Geneva and Sonnie. Sonnie and I slept upstairs and we could hear the train as it went by. Later on in life my husband and I would drive to New Jersey to visit with them. I remember Cape May, the rodeo, a wedding Sonnie and I once attended, visiting all the relatives, picking peaches and blueberries. The one memory I remember most was when Sonnie took my husband and I on a canoe ride down some river while she was leading us in her kayak. There were fallen trees in the river and sometimes you had to duck down so as not to be hit. After a while it was really tough going (and we are not experienced in this) and of course our canoe tipped over and I was yelling. Of course Sonnie came to our rescue to see a side of me she didn't know. Believe me, I was very upset that I was soaking wet and I wanted to go back. I looked like a drowned rat but my hair did not get wet. Sonnie said we can't go back, we have to go forward. So I gradually calmed down and we got out into the wide part of the river or whatever that was and it was really sunny and lovely the rest of the day. Of course, we have laughed over that many times now. My heart goes out to all of the family. Thank the Lord she is in her heavenly body and relieved of all her pain. Again, my sympathy is with you all, Alma Falvey*

Alma Falvey - March 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM