



LaRue H. Dahlberg

June 5, 1929 - December 23, 2024

LaRue H. Dahlberg, age 95, passed away December 23, 2024.

She was born in Johnstown, PA, the daughter of Lester Carl Hillegass and Amelia Livingstone Hillegass. After she graduated from Westmont High School, she attended the University of Pittsburgh on an academic scholarship. Active in the Pitt Singers, the Woman's Chorale, and TriDelta, she later taught school in Pittsburgh and Johnstown.

During graduate studies at Penn State, she met her beloved husband, Don Dahlberg. They were married in Johnstown in 1955. As a U.S. Naval Officer, Don was sent to Hawaii, assigned to the USS Renshaw DDE, 499. LaRue taught school at Halawa Kai near Pearl Harbor and then at the famous Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu. Later she taught at Eisenhower Elementary in Palm Beach Gardens for 24 wonderful years.

After Hawaii, Don was sent to work at NASA in Cleveland,, Ohio, where their daughter, Susan Lani, was born. In 1960, Don started working with Pratt and Whitney in Palm Beach County. Their dear adopted son, Donnie, came into their lives in 1967. It broke their hearts when he was killed in an automobile accident when he was almost 17. They established a scholarship in his name for a graduating senior in Jupiter High School. This has continued every year since 1983.

LaRue attended North Palm Beach Presbyterian Church. She had been an active member of PEO Sisterhood, Chapter CW; Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary international society for key women educators; Tri Delta; the Palm Beach Chapter of the DAR; and the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. She had also been a long time member of AAUW. She was appointed by Congressman Tom Lewis to interview applicants for the U.S. Military Academies.

After retiring from teaching, she and Don traveled throughout the world. They loved Hawaii and went back there often. LaRue loved music and all things cultural, and loved to teach American History.

LaRue was predeceased by her parents; her dear son, Donnie; and her wonderful husband, Don. She is survived by her beloved daughter Susan (Bill Bocker); her brother Dr. Ronald Hillegass; several nephews and her niece. She was especially close to Carl and Michael Hillegass, Scott Dahlberg, Barbara Peachey and their families.

A Funeral Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach at 3:00pm Friday, January 17th.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Community Foundation, 700 South Dixie Hwy, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, for the Don Dahlberg Memorial Scholarship. (https://cfpbmc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1244)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach
717 Prosperity Farms Road
North Palm Beach, FL 33418

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Mrs. Dahlberg was one-of-a-kind. My condolences to Susan and Bill. I'm grateful to have known her. She will really be missed!* ”

Laurie Parrish - January 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM

RL

“ *We are Truly sorry for your loss. LaRue was a beautiful woman who will be missed deeply. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan and the family. Rod and Sundie Love* ”



Rod and Sundie Love - January 11, 2025 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ *Father God, we ask for Your Hand of comfort on susan and bill. keep them in Your Peace as they walk through this time with You as their Friend. thank You, Lord. amen.* ”

Carol Serna - January 09, 2025 at 08:06 AM

BS

“ *Our heartfelt condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Over the last 10 years or more we enjoyed seeing the smiling face of your mother during the annual piano recital. We fondly remember our interactions and her inspirational conversations with our daughter and son. She will be missed dearly. Our prayers.* ”



Bindu and Sathya - January 04, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CS

please keep Your Hanf of Comfort upon suan and bill, Father.thank You.in Jesus' Love,amen.

Carol Serna - January 09, 2025 at 08:06 AM

SE

“ *While we didn't know LaRue well, a small moment of kindness from her has left a lasting impression on our family. When my son first started wearing glasses in kindergarten, he was feeling self-conscious about them. During one of his piano lessons at LaRue's house, she called him over and, with her warm smile, told him how much she loved his frames. He was overjoyed telling us about it afterwards. Even years later, whenever he's felt unsure about his glasses, we remind him of LaRue's heartfelt compliment. It's these small acts of kindness that truly show the beautiful person she was.*

Sean Escoffery - January 04, 2025 at 12:42 AM

MB

“ *Maureen Butler lit a candle in memory of LaRue H. Dahlberg*



Maureen Butler - December 30, 2024 at 05:51 PM

CB

Dear Susan,

*It is with a heavy heart that I extend
my deepest condolences to you.*

*We should be around a table laughing and sharing a myriad of
Life experiences, commenting on the food and catching up on the
latest news and how to make things better, as we did at years
of PB DAR gatherings.*

*Loyalty was instilled in your
mother and appreciated by all.*

*Please remember the good times
a carry a little smile with you.*

Praying with you.

Catherine Barrett

Catherine Barrett - January 10, 2025 at 11:26 AM