



Vivian L. Volk

January 14, 1926 - June 17, 2020

Vivian Volk, resident of Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, NJ, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2020. She leaves a large extended family and beautiful memories for all who knew and loved her.

Words cannot describe the remarkable accomplishments of this amazing woman.

Vivian was born in North Tonawanda, NY, on January 14, 1926, to Polish immigrants, Lucille and Ignatius.

Living most of her life in North Tonawanda, Vivian graduated with an RN degree from Millard Fillmore School of Nursing, after which she served as a public health nurse for many years.

After marrying Joseph, chemical engineer, they both dreamed of having a large family. Vivian expressed the desire for twins, saying “Wouldn’t two at once be nice?”

Vivian’s and Joe’s dream came true with the birth of nine children, which included four consecutive sets of twins. The household was lively and busy, full of activities, play, reading, family meals, and so much more. Vivian’s days were very structured in order to get everything done. As stated in a Today.com article, within a week, Vivian fixed 189 meals, did 35 loads of wash, sterilized 84 baby bottles, not to mention the number of dishes she washed, the diapers she changed and the cuts and scratches she treated.

Vivian’s love of music and playing the organ was passed on to her children and

grandchildren. The Volk childhood home was filled with an assortment of musical instruments including two pianos, an organ and a full drum set. She was especially proud of being able to sing the alphabet backwards, which she taught to her children and grandchildren.

Vivian retired from nursing in her late 50s, about the same time that Joseph retired. They were both due for some freedom and relaxation! Together they enjoyed many years of activities, such as travel, golf, bridge and tennis. Vivian consistently proved to be the champion of the annual family ping pong tournaments! Vivian and Joseph remained in North Tonawanda until moving closer to their children in the New Jersey area.

Vivian is survived by children Tyler Volk (with partner Amelia Amon), Lauren Volk, Thomas Volk (and daughters Eliza Volk and Dana Rocco with husband Ben and children Noah and Ava), Kristin Volk Funk (with husband Bernie and children Bern with husband Rachid Bejjani and Joe with partner Emih Abrahamson), Kenneth Volk (with wife Michelle and children Katherine with partner Conor Smith and Lauren with fiancé Levi Manuel), Nancy Volk (and sons Kevin Hartel and Michael Hartel with fiancé Rachel Lusk), Janice Volk (with husband Michael Simpson), James Volk (with wife Cindy and daughters Vicki Smith with husband Ryan and their children Joe, Vivian and Ben, and Angela Volk with husband Brenton Francisco), Sandra Silky (with husband Stephen and their children Erin Plikuhn with husband Erik and sons Von and Declan, Colleen Limegrover with husband Ben, and Jack Silky).

Vivian spread love and joy everywhere with her favorite phrases, "Stay beautiful," "Don't ever change," and "Love you." Through her life example she taught her children to have a sense of humor, a strong spirit and a generous and loving heart. Well done, Vivian. Well done.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made "in memory of Vivian Volk" to Butterfly Wishes, c/o Home Side Hospice, 67 Walnut Street, suite 205, Clark, NJ 07066.

Comments



“ How do I begin to express how I feel at the loss of our amazing Mom? At the age of 94, she continued to amaze me with her strength, love and devotion to her family. It was an honor and privilege being her daughter and her legacy will live in our hearts forever!



Nancy Volk - June 27, 2020 at 06:40 AM



“ I am an old friend and fellow health dept. employee. Vivian, Dorothy , Y'vonne, and myself were great friends. We took trips together on girls day out as well as group trips with husbands to a dude ranch called Ridding High , we always had a good time. She will be sadly missed. I always adored her. With my condolences Sandy Johnson(Burgstahler)

sandy Johnson(Burgstahler) - June 27, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Thank you so much for the nice comment! Knowing our Mom, we know you must have shared great times together.

Nancy - June 28, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ An email from a friend
Hello Janice, My condolences during this sad time. You are right, things work out when it's needed. Memories of your Mom and Dad will help quiet the pain. Take solace in that you did everything you could for them during their lifetimes. No one can give or receive better than Love of Family.
Take care. My thoughts to all of you.
Love,
Glenn

Janice Volk - June 26, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ What a classy lady! I was blessed to know Vivian in the later part of her life. She never had a bad day or was anything but sweet, kind, humble, combined with strength , resiliency and love. The world was a better place with her presence here. We can all be thankful for the beautiful life she lived and for all the love she gave. I will miss you friend!!!

diane hennessy - June 25, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Vivian was a cousin to my husband's family, the Nicpon's. She came to see me after the birth of our daughter as the public health nurse. My husband Joe whom I lost in 2018, always spoke fondly of her as his father, Frank, really thought she was a wonderful mother and nurse. Of course she was a legend in our town of North Tonawanda with the birth of so many twins. I want to express my sincere condolences as I'm sure Joe would to her lovely family and wish them many memories of a fantastic Mother.

Linda Nicpon - June 24, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Wow! What a beautiful message from the Nicpon family! Let's connect and share more memories!

Lauren Volk - June 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ from Tyler, words in an email received from Stuart Mills, friend of the family in the 1960s: "Sorry to hear about your mom. She was a wonderful person. My thoughts are with you and your brothers and sisters."

Tyler Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ from Tyler, email received from Lyn Hughes, who knew the entire family: "Wow. That is such a beautiful obit. Her smile was everlasting, infectious and heartfelt. She has such a gorgeous legacy. I hope you all know how very blessed you are. Very rare and unique to have such a lineage. So pleased I had a brief moment of knowing her, your dad, your sibs and Babci."

Tyler Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM



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Lauren Volk - June 23, 2020 at 12:56 PM



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Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ I was able to meet Vivian once while working with daughter Janice Volk, she was very warm with a bright smile. Her daughter Janice was very kind to me and gave me opportunities that helped change my family's for the better. Janice did this out of the kindness of her heart because she wanted to help someone to succeed. Despite not really knowing Vivian well I'm sure the apple didn't fall far from the tree. May she Rest In Peace.

Thomas Xenakis - June 22, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ Tom, such sweet words that capture the very lessons taught to all of us by our parents. Thank you.

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Sending my condolences to Janice and her entire family on the loss of your dear mother.

Susan Davis - June 22, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Thank you, dear friend.

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ I thank Vivian and Joe for bringing all of you into our world. Each of you is and offers a tremendous contribution to our society. What a grand and impressive list of heirs and family members. Each time we were together Vivian was sharp, engaged, warm and funny. I will cherish the memories and her spirit. Thank you Vivian and rest in heaven with your beloved.

Dee M. Cantalice - June 22, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Such beautiful and endearing words.. Mom always enjoyed your company and generosity
Thank you Dee

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Condolences to the entire Volk family and may your mom Rest In Peace with Joe by her side. The countless memories of the entire crew growing up on Goundry Street in NT brings joy to our hearts. Summer laughs in the pool, sleep outs in the back yard, street hockey games and the nightly dinner bell were all made possible by her loving devotion. The Greatest Generation lost another but her legacy will never be forgotten. God bless you all!

Charlie & John Mye - June 22, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Thank you both SO much! We sure do have incredible Goundry St. memories!!

Nancy B Volk - June 22, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Mom thought the world of you boys and had nothing but kind words and fond memories of the neighbors. All surrounded by fun, adventure and love. Let's not forget the baseball games at Pinewoods Park. Our two families alone filled the field!

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Hi Charlie and John, When our family reminisces on our North Tonawanda childhood, the Mye family is always fondly remembered. The fun at your pool, neighborhood games and your incredibly generous and warm parents gave us much happiness. Sending warm wishes to you both.

Kristin Volk

Kristin Volk - June 23, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ What a legacy all coming from Vivian and Joe! Beautiful!, she was a lovely energetic woman who produced good human beings doing wonderful things.

Jill Kerwick - June 22, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Thank you dear friend. We have certainly shared multitude of memories of our moms and dads together. Looking forward to our walks and sharing more memories! Janice

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ So sorry to see your mother's recent passing. Your mother was my mother's "Maid of Honor" way back in 1948. She was my mother's best friend and my mother had a great relationship and love for her. I have a picture of them on that special day in Lockport. They all looked very happy. Your mom had that captivating smile. Her positive memories will remain with you forever.

Dr. Joe Breloff

Dr. Joe Breloff - June 21, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ We remember Mom talking about your Mom- thanks for that memory!

Nancy B Volk - June 22, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ Dear Joe,

Thank you for sharing those beautiful and vivid memories of "two best friends" with us .
Would love to see the photo some day! Feel free to post it on this web site.

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ To Volk twin sisters, I am so heart broken for all of you. Your mother was so strong and she will be missed. I also will miss seeing all of you, be well and god bless you all.

Shawn Stazak (your favorite gate gaurd)

shawn - June 21, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Thank you SO much Shawn- you were always so compassionate to us and for that we will always be thankful

Nancy B Volk - June 22, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ We can't thank you enough for being there for us and always caring about Mom. Seabrook Village is lucky to have you!

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Shawn, you were a godsend to us all. We will never forget your kindness and compassion. Thank you for everything.

Kristin Volk - June 23, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ To my Volk cousins—so sorry to learn of this. Many fond memories of good times and golf at Deerwood. Thinking of all of you at this time of celebrating a full life. Eric Ziolek

Eric Ziolek - June 21, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Thank you Erik! She had a full life for sure!

Nancy B Volk - June 22, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ Thank you Cousin. Your Dad, playing the accordion, with our Mom dancing the polka will be a huge source of entertainment in heaven.

Janice Volk - June 23, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Thank you, Eric. We were blessed to have such great cousins! I think of your wonderful mom and dad often.

Kristin Volk - June 23, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Vivian L. Volk



Bongarzone Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 01:42 PM



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Bongarzone Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 12:04 PM