



Genevieve Cree

August 20, 1927 - September 18, 2022

Genevieve Ciemniecki Cree, a lifelong New Jersey resident, an optimistic woman of faith, loving and devoted wife of the late Frank Cree, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and successful business woman died on Sept. 18. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday. She resided at Seabrook Village Center and formerly in Lavallette and Kenilworth.

She was a member of Holy Innocents Seabrook congregation and previously St. Bonaventure, Lavallette, and St. Theresa's, Kenilworth, parishes. She was a member of the Rosary Society.

Genevieve valued her family. She believed in living each day to the fullest and in the power of having a positive attitude. She was fastidious about healthy eating. She always looked for the good in people and was generous in mentoring and sharing her blessings with others. As the daughter of an immigrant, she treasured being an American. She loved to learn. As an avid reader, she was particularly knowledgeable about nutrition, health and finance and read the Wall Street Journal daily for many years. She appreciated music, musical and theatrical performances. She was a fan of PBS television, enjoyed watching sports, especially Notre Dame football, and the Masters Golf Tournament. She favored butter pecan ice cream and had a tendency to make lumpy mashed potatoes, for which she will be fondly remembered.

Born Aug. 20, 1927 in Union, she married Frank on Sept. 7, 1947 and shared 73 years with him until his passing in February 2021. Later in life when Frank became disabled, she was his selfless and dedicated caretaker. She is survived by daughters Diane Cree Kane of Virginia and Brenda Cree of New Jersey; granddaughters: Rebecca, Teresa and Emily Kane of Oregon; grandsons: Matthew, Colorado, and Ethan, Pennsylvania, Hartman.; great-granddaughter Aero Cree Mondari; and a sister Anna Crown, NJ, numerous nieces and nephews. Grandson Adam Hartman died in 2016.

She was the daughter and one of nine siblings of Henry and Stella (Zembrzycki) Cieminiecki, Kenilworth. Brothers Chester, Frank and Hank Ciemniecki and sisters Stella Black, Helen Willar, Florence Bertolotti, and Frances Ruscansky predeceased her.

Genevieve retired as an Employee Benefits manager for Airco Industrial Gases, Murray Hill, having been promoted to that position after joining the company in 1968. She worked 21 years for Airco. She graduated from Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, where she was a cheerleader. During the war years, she worked manufacturing munitions in a converted Singer plant. She also worked for Levy Brothers in Elizabeth and as a bookkeeper for her husband's business while raising her children. She extended her education by taking classes at Union County Community College.

After marriage, the couple lived in Garwood, where Frank's family owned and operated Cree's Lunch restaurant, and then moved to Kenilworth, where they lived for 40 years. While in Kenilworth, she was active in the community, working at the playground in the summer and helping to create the Kenilworth Recreation Center. She served as bookkeeper for the annual church carnival at St. Theresa's and as an election poll worker.

She and Frank, who were both passionate about the Jersey Shore, retired to

a home they had owned since 1976 on Princeton Avenue in Lavallette. During retirement, they savored happy times with family and friends at the beach and also enjoyed traveling to Arizona, Florida and other places in the United States and regular excursions to Atlantic City. She moved to Seabrook Village Center, Tinton Falls, with Frank in 2005, where they met new friends and participated in many activities. She lived in her own apartment until her passing.

Genevieve's Memorial Service will be offered at 11 am on Friday October 21, 2022 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Seabrook Village Atrium from 12-3pm. Genevieve will be laid to rest with Frank, who was an Army Air Force veteran, at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

Cemetery Details

BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Road
Wrightstown, NJ

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Celebration of Life

OCT 21. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Atrium at Seabrook Village
3000 Essex Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

Tribute Wall



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genevieve Cree.*



October 19, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Brenda & Diane, The beautiful pictures of your mom and dad made me remember how lucky we were to grow up together on Quinton Avenue. Your parents were more like an aunt and uncle to me and you were like cousins. We all knew that we were welcome in each others homes. We were so fortunate that our parents all became great friends and created such a wonderful place for us all to grow up. Whether playing basketball in the driveway, hop scotch on the sidewalk, swimming in the pool, or badminton on the front lawn, we were having fun. Our warm memories of all of our loving parents and the neighborhood, will never be forgotten. My heart is with you during this very sad time.*

Robert Stollen - September 23, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Diane & Brenda, Thinking of you both & fondly remembering your mom & dad. Lives well lived, we should all be that lucky. Remember your mom's laugh & your dad's carpentry lessons. Love, Pete & Linda*

PETER BERLOTTI - September 23, 2022 at 04:38 PM

RG

“ *Diane & Brenda, That is a beautiful tribute to your mom. I always remember Aunt Gen with love and kindness. she was fun to be with even when our Christmas tree fell while we were eating dinner.
Love you both
Rhonda & Wayne*

Rhonda Gover - September 22, 2022 at 02:35 PM

TB

“ *Diane and Brenda.
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Jenny. The family lost another titan. Reading the obit brought back a memory of the Michigan Ave playground and her teaching crafts etc. I remember the whistle around her neck. She was a good person. She will be missed. Those nutritious lunch sandwiches she used to make for me? Not so much. Her and Uncle Frank will always have a place in my heart.*

Tom and Nancy

Tom Bertolotti - September 21, 2022 at 07:52 AM

MK

“ *Gen was a wonderful Grandma to our kids and a very loving Mother In Law. I am so grateful that Gen and Frank were an integral part of our family life. They will be a memory I hold dear.*

Mike Kane - September 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM

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“ Jen and Frank, a loving marriage of two smart, kind and "can do" people. They were both an integral part of the young parents all raising kids at the same time on Quinton Ave. It was a special time with such a special group of close friends. All so generous and helping while going thru life while having fun. Will always remember the Ocean Beach vacations, backyard picnics and basement parties. May they rest in peace while they will always remain in our memories. Sincere condolences to Diane and Brenda. Curt Stollen

Curt Stollen - September 20, 2022 at 10:06 AM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Genevieve Cree



Bongarzone Funeral Home - September 19, 2022 at 10:22 PM