



Faye Anderson Junker

May 4, 2021

Faye Anderson Junker passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2021. During her lifetime, Faye could not sit still. She was very active and served as a pillar of the Cross Roads Church community and Preschool. She was a force within the church; over the years she served on the Session as an Elder and as a Deacon, managed the Cross Roads Cemetery for 20+ years, and helped coordinate many events at the church, including the weekly adult education and the Journey to Bethlehem. For over 35 years she taught, and eventually directed, the Cross Roads Preschool, teaching many generations of children in our community. She was the only child of Royal and Marie Anderson, born on January 12, 1948 in New Brunswick, NJ. She grew up in Milltown, NJ, where she was active in the Girl Scouts. She graduated from Uppsala College and then achieved a Masters in Arts & Teaching for Math and English from Rhode Island College, while teaching Junior High School Math in West Warwick, RI. She married her High School sweetheart Dr. Warren R. Junker on June 7, 1969, with whom she celebrated 51 years of marriage. She is survived by her devoted husband; 3 children, Warren A Junker (Andrea Comstock), Dr. Lauren Junker (Dr. Rutger van Sleuwen), and Jonathan Junker (Jennifer) and 4 grandchildren, Lilly and Luc van Sleuwen and Taylor and Riley Junker. She was forever planning or improving and loved people. Traveling, river boat cruises and sailing through China, Europe (Danube), the Baltic and the North Atlantic were favorites. She also visited Spain, Scotland, St. Maarten, Mexico, Canada, and many places in the USA including Hawaii and Alaska. She enjoyed boating, camping, painting, a vibrant social issue discussion, bowling, and bocce. Her happy places for decades were Ocean Beach III in New Jersey, Deer Valley YMCA Family camp, Phipps Conservatory, Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Pittsburgh Public Theater. She loved spending time with her family, friends, children, nieces, nephews, and especially her grandchildren, who called her Nana Faye. She patiently worked together with them on homework, art & science projects, and Bible stories, instilling a love for each topic. She was passionate about learning her ancestry and reinvigorating cultural traditions with the grandchildren, especially at the famous Christmas Eve Party!

She was much loved by her family and community and her passing came as a shock. Visitation will be Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 from 6-9 pm at GENE H. CORL

FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike, (412-372-2100). The wearing of facial masks will be observed. Funeral Service will be held at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, 2310 Haymaker Rd. Monroeville on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 11 a.m. and available virtually on <http://www.crossroadspresbyterian.com/memorials.html>. (Everyone please meet at the church). Interment will follow at Cross Roads Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to the Junker Science Scholarship Fund at Cross Roads Preschool, <https://www.crossroadspresbyterian.com/give-to-cross-roads.html>.

Cemetery

Crossroads Cemetery

Monroeville Blvd.

Monroeville, PA, 15146

Events

MAY **Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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Cross Roads Presbyterian Church

2310 Haymaker Rd, Monroeville,, PA, US, 15146

Comments



“ On behalf of Dirk, Saskia, Finn, Lara, Lieke, Dick, Quinten, Amelie, Rutger, Lauren, Lilly & Luc we want to convey our deepest sympathies for the loss of Faye Junker.

Faye was intrigued by other cultures and their traditions. She and Warren loved to travel to foreign lands and had great interest in the Netherlands, Europe and beyond. They travelled to the Netherlands to visit Den Bosch with Dirk and Saskia and Utrecht with Lieke and Dick. They also spent time at Minke and Martin's house in Nijmegen. Most importantly, all of us were gathered for Rutger and Lauren's Wedding on St. Maarten in 2008.

Minke had indicated in the past that she appreciated that Lauren's family almost acted as a 'host family' for Rutger, especially during the early years arrived in the United States. Faye was very welcoming and made sure he was part of the Junker family during Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations . It made Minke more at ease that her son was not alone and somehow looked after, even though he was far away. Faye and Minke shared many common interests and had a deep mutual respect for one another. It saddens us that both passed away in such short succession of one another.

We fondly remember Faye's energy, her creativity and her great ability to help others and interact so naturally with children young and old.

Faye, you will be sorely missed by all of us.

Rest peacefully,

Dirk, Saskia, Finn, Lara, Lieke, Dick, Quinten, Amelie, Rutger, Lauren, Lilly & Luc

Rutger van Sleuwen - May 10 at 04:27 AM



“ On behalf of the Hoeckers, I'm so sorry to hear out the sudden and unexpected passing of Faye. She has been a pillar of the community for decades; in the Church, in Schools, at the Pool and among the friends we grew up with. There was always Mrs. Junker in the big Dodge Van. The "Bomber" as I recall Warren (Jr.) affectionately calling it. She always greeted with a smile and had something nice to say with a twist of humor and affectionate laugh. She was strong. It shows in the pictures throughout her life that you have shared with us as we remember a loving Mom, Wife and Friend we were so blessed to know. Our prayers are with you and your family. - Marc, Carmen, Doug, and Robin.

Marc Hoecker - May 09 at 10:17 PM



“ So sad to hear about the passing of Faye Junker. I keep happy memories of our visit to you and your family in Pittsburgh as well as your visit to us in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. It is such a sad circumstance that this occurred so quickly after the passing of Minke, Lauren's mother in law (Rutger's mother). Wishing you all the strength you need to cope with this sad loss.

Martin van Sleeuwen

Martin van Sleeuwen - May 09 at 12:02 PM



“ Faye also was the contact person and secretary for the Crossroads Cemetery. She was always gracious with her knowledge and served families and funeral directors with care and dignity.

Patrick Lanigan - May 08 at 10:02 PM



“ Thinking of you all in this difficult time. I am so sorry to hear of your loss, and will miss Faye.

Jana Comstock

Jana Comstock - May 06 at 10:31 PM



“ I will always remember Faye as someone who was incredible with children and giving them the attention and affection they deserve. She was my pre-school teacher and nurtured children in their formative years. We did a field trip to her house.

Another more recent memory I have with Faye is when I introduced my then Swedish/French boyfriend to her after church. She was excited to talk about her Swedish heritage with someone who knew the country!

She always hosted the best Christmas parties and loved having people over for the holidays. This has been my Christmas Eve celebration for as long as I can remember in my 30 years (except this past year with the pandemic). A staple for all the kids in the basement: pigs in a blanket. She got her grandchildren to pass around cookies to guests and wear a wreath on their heads for St. Lucia.

Finally, I remember the people who supported my family and me when I had a brain surgery in high school and was a stressful, uncertain time for my health. Faye - and the rest of the Junkers - showed their support by praying for me with our church and dropping off food. She lived her life in a truly Christian way. I will remember all she has done for my family and me.

Thank you, Faye, and rest peacefully.

Hannah Kendig - May 06 at 09:32 PM



“ Roger and I were shocked to hear of Faye's passing. We pray for Warren and the family to have the strength and the courage to see their way through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely with Love, Joanne and Roger

Joanne Magley - May 10 at 08:04 PM