



## Edith "Edie" Cook Pearson

October 22, 1931 - January 22, 2023

Edith 'Edie' Cook Pearson of Leesburg, Florida died peacefully in hospice on January 22 after a short illness. She was 91.

Edie was born in Vernon, NY on a farm on Cooper Street and attended grammar school in the District #9 one-room schoolhouse. During her childhood, she was a member of the Lowell Methodist Episcopal Church in Westmoreland, NY. She was a member of the class of 1950 at the Westmoreland, NY central high school. From there she traveled north and attended the Agricultural and Technical Institute (now SUNY) in Canton, NY where she was a member of Pi Nu Epsilon sorority. She graduated with an associate degree in clothing and textiles in 1952. She moved to Syracuse, NY and was employed for many years at the Brown, Lipe, Chapin division of General Motors as a secretary.

She met her future husband Harry 'Bud' Pearson, then a radio engineer, in the summer of 1957. They were married the next year. Their daughter Lisa was born in 1965. In 1971, they moved to northern Virginia. There she volunteered with the local Welcome Wagon organization and was an active member of their church, St. Barnabas Episcopal, Annandale, VA, as a member of the altar guild and the women's group. They moved again in late 1976, this time to northern New Jersey. She became a pillar of their church, St. Paul's Episcopal in Montvale, NJ, and served on the altar guild and in the Women of St. Pauls

(WoSP). As a WoSP member, she helped organize numerous church bazaars and suppers, and helped edit the cookbook the group published in the 1980s. She and her husband moved back to the Syracuse area in 1987 and lived in Jamesville. Then they returned to New Jersey, settling in Montvale. There she threw herself back into activities at St. Pauls. On Bud's retirement in 2002, they moved to the Plantation retirement community in Leesburg, Florida. She was one of the founding members of Corpus Christi Episcopal Church of Okahumpka, FL, in 2007, and was a communicant there until her passing.

They enjoyed traveling and had the opportunity to visit many places in Europe, including taking cruises on the Rhine and Volga Rivers, as well as tours in France, Spain, Italy, England, the Netherlands, and Portugal. They also took cruises in Alaska and in the Caribbean.

Edie was an avid seamstress throughout her life, excelling at making clothing, and after retiring to Florida creating beautiful art quilts. She was a member of the Quilting Sisters Guild of Leesburg for many years. She was also a very fine cook and enjoyed making delicious meals for her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, John W. and Ellen R. (Cramer) Cook of Vernon, NY and three siblings, Guy K. Cook of Sherrill, NY, Arnold Cook of Norwalk, CT, and Clara E. Cook McGrath of Hendersonville, NC. She is survived by her husband of 64.5 years Harry, and daughter Lisa E. Pearson (spouse Catherine Iannuzzo) of Boston, MA, as well as a number of nieces and nephews in New York, New Jersey, and elsewhere.

A memorial service will be held at her church, Corpus Christi Episcopal Church, Okahumpka, Florida, on February 25, 2023 at 2 p.m. Her family welcomes all her friends to attend. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to Corpus Christi Episcopal. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery, Westmoreland, NY, at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM.

Corpus Christi Episcopal Church  
Okahumpka, FL