



Madelyne Raksnis

April 17, 1942 - March 2, 2025

Madelyne Rylah Raksnis, age 82 of The Villages, FL passed away on March 2, 2025, after a long and brave battle with Parkinson's Disease. Madelyne was born on April 17, 1942, in Upper Darby, PA, grew up in Havertown, PA and lived there until she married and moved to North Philadelphia.

Madelyne is survived by her dear sister, Doris Rylah Peabody, and says "they are a team." She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Ben Rylah, and her husband Chuck, who passed away in 2013.

Madelyne graduated from Haverford High School. After a short stint with a local company, Madelyne joined Pennwalt Corporation and worked there for more than 35 years. In her early years at Pennwalt Corporation, she was a receptionist when a great-looking man came in for an interview. Not only was he hired, but Madelyne married him, Charles (Chuck) Raksnis. They were married for 44 years.

Madelyne and Chuck, both retired from Pennwalt Corporation. In 2006 they moved to The Villages and they joined North Lake Presbyterian Church in 2008. Shortly thereafter, they joined a small fellowship group at North Lake and remained active in the small group for years. Madelyne was also involved with several clubs in The villages, including but not limited to, glass engraving, Largo Ladies group, the photography group and the Parkinson's group.

While in The Villages, Madelyne kept in close contact with her co-workers from Pennwalt Corporation and, with the advent of Zoom, they began to zoom weekly. These Zoom sessions were a blessing to Madelyne.

Madelyne was known for having a "will of her own," hated to exercise, did not want to be "left alone," a quick wit, and a loyal friend. She loved photography and took special delight in her photos of horses. Additionally, she enjoyed needlepointing and traveling.

Madelyne will be deeply missed by her sister Doris and all who know her.

A Celebration of Life service, followed by light refreshments, will be held at North Lake Presbyterian Church on April 15 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humane Society of Marion County or North Lake Presbyterian Church, Operation Homebound.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

North Lake Presbyterian Church
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