



Mae Kessler

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Mae (Kunelius) Kessler passed away on April 9, 2024, a few months shy of her 100th birthday. She was born Mae Eugenia Freeman on September 11, 1924, in Jamaica, NY, to parents George and Ethel. She was the oldest of six siblings and grew up in Nassau County on Long Island where she graduated from Sewanhaka High School in 1941. She married Walter Kunelius on February 14, 1943. They started their family in Seaford, Long Island where they ran Walter's Boat Yard before moving to Florida in the late 1950s.

Mae spent nearly 70 years living in Clearwater, FL. In 1989 she retired from Vision Cable. She kept in contact with some of those coworkers for the remainder of her life. Mae resided in Village on the Green for 30-plus years, where she met her husband Art Kessler, whom she married on July 29, 1995. After Art's passing, she received her cockatiel, Pumpkin, who remained her faithful companion throughout the rest of her life.

Mae enjoyed many social activities at the neighborhood clubhouse including swimming, bingo, and card games. In more recent years, she also enjoyed volunteering at her church thrift shop. She was known for her cake-decorating talent. Many fondly remember the celebratory cakes she made. There are several decorated sugar Easter eggs, made decades ago, still cherished by their recipients.

Mae had a large family, kept up-to-date with their lives, and was quick to tell others of their accomplishments. Those she was preceded in death by include her parents, George and Ethel Freeman, husbands Walter Kunelius and Art Kessler, siblings George Freeman, Dorothy (Hill) Pace, William Freeman, Clara White, and Arthur Freeman, and granddaughter Traci Hodges. She is survived by daughters Linda Fite (Joe), Karen Swanson (John), and Diane Thomas (Wayne); grandsons Michael Felice (Carrie) and Matthew Felice, granddaughter Caitlin Talbot (Bill), great-grandchildren Zach Fite, Nick Martinez, Shelby Martinez, Jimmy Hodges, Blaney Felice, Gavin Felice, and Adrian Talbot, and great-great grandchildren Sawyer, Tyler, Kason, and Lyra, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.



Events

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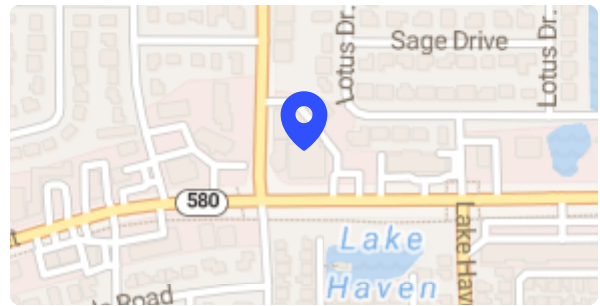
Service

Thursday, April 18, 2024

2:00 PM ET

Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation - Dunedin

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698



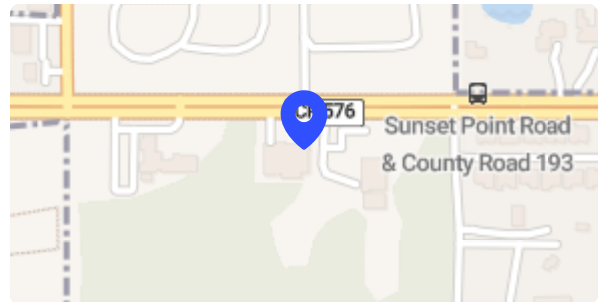
Interment

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3:30 PM ET

Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park

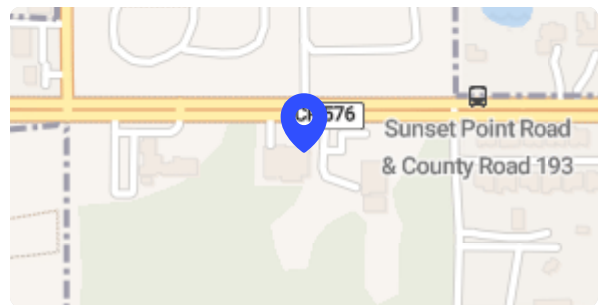
2853 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater FL 33759



Cemetery Details

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2853 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater FL 33759

(727) 796-1992





Tribute Wall

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ML

Maria Lefare lit a candle in honor of Mae.

So sorry to have read of her passing. I was a childhood friend of her granddaughter Tracey. Her and I swam just about every day in the summers at Bennys . Mae was a very sweet person. Because of her, I love sauerkraut, handmade Christmas ornaments and grandfather clocks. She would stop by and take me with her on bike rides when Tracey moved. I remember the first time she asked my mom, " can Maria go bike riding w Me". I'm 57 now and cherish the memories I have w Mae, Benny and Tracey.



March 17 at 2:18 PM

VV

Vincent Wallace (Vinny) posted:

Vinny here. I was privileged to first meet dear Mae a few years back, as I volunteered at bingo at my church. Mae was a regular! Then a number of years after that, I helped her with some miscellaneous chores, a number of times, inside and outside her home in Village on the Green. Her friendliness and kindness toward me were very much appreciated as well as her unforgettable dry wit and sense of humor. Many memorable laughs were shared between us as I performed my chores at her home. Mae is greatly missed!

April 16 at 3:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Kessler family.



April 14 at 1:25 PM

DT

Diane Thomas posted:

Donations to Coastal Christian Church, Dunedin, FL in memory of Mae Kessler were her request.

April 12 at 2:38 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mae by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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