



Dorothy Arpert Skaar

August 11, 1924 - January 27, 2025

After a brief illness our beloved mother, Dorothy Arpert Skaar, died on January 27, 2025 while being cared for at The Kroontje Health Care Center in Blacksburg, Virginia. She was 100 years old.

She was born August 11, 1924 in Brooklyn, New York to Dorothy (Poole) and Eric Arpert. Dorothy attended Syracuse University where she met Christen Skaar whom she married on February 5th, 1944. Christen served abroad during WWII and, after the war, he took a position at Syracuse University. They raised their two sons, Eric and Steven, and two daughters, Dorothy (Dee) and Janet in Syracuse. Christen's work also took the family to both Venezuela and Taiwan for some time.

She was always an active member of her church, serving as Pal Gal in the Pioneer Girls organization. She lived in Syracuse until 1976, after which Dorothy and Christen moved to Blacksburg VA. She spent most summers in Ocean Grove, NJ, where many special memories were made.

She was a graceful and loving woman throughout her long life, living with an attitude of gratitude and a passionate love of dogs. Dorothy is survived by her four children: Eric Skaar, Steven Skaar (Emily), Dorothy Frith (Eric), Janet Sember (Bob); her beloved sister, Janet Davison; grandchildren, Alice Dorothy Skaar, Christian Skaar, Timothy Skaar (Denell), Kristen Martin (Calvin), Stephanie Regrut (Jon), Alexandra Kreager, Benjamin Kreager, Christopher Frith, Jordan Frith, and Tyler Frith; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Christen Skaar, her brother, Eric Sheridan Arpert, daughter-in-law, Alice Roden Skaar, brother-in-law Dexter Davison, and two infant children.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated staff at Kroontje for their thoughtful care of our mother. She will be missed by us all. All that love could do was done.

Her funeral service will be held on what would be Chris and Dorothy's 81st wedding anniversary, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2:30 PM at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship, 2300 N. Main Street in Blacksburg.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

Blacksburg Christian Fellowship
2300 N. Main Street
Blacksburg, VA

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Janet and Family,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was always so
kind to me. To live to 100 is certainly an accomplishment! Take care.
Love, Pam Stout Brown. Spartanburg SC*

Pam Brown - February 13, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ This is a tribute a poem of my own for her and family. Dorothy Skaar was a grandmother to me growing. I am glad that she is now reunited with another person that was a grandfather Christen Skaar. My condolences to the family.

For the longest time, I have been trying to make sense of life now I see the light at the end of the road. God's divine purpose knows no time, no bounds. There's no set mission in life. We are put here to help others and everything is in the father's timing not ours.

His timing is perfect. Enjoy the simple little things that we so often overlook. Be here, be present, embrace life as if it were the last of never ending summer days. Love your family, neighbors, friends and embrace them as endless spring blooms.

Admire God's divine creation, find your happy place a place that's as relaxing as a never ending autumn color and embrace it like the dew on the trees. This is your home right where you're at, relax and embrace it like the never ending warmth of your family on winter days.

Remember God's timing is perfect. When we're all in winter of our lives, just relax reflect and think of the never ending summer days, the endless springs blooms, the never ending autumn color and the warmth of your family waiting to hug you and embrace you.

Ecclesiastes 1-8 as it tells us "A Time for Everything". Embrace your time given and embrace "The Seasons of Life". Love, cherish and give thanks for everything bestowed to you, Give thanks to the father in heaven above.

All creation is Joyful. Life has seasons for everything. Life continues in heaven there's endless light, endless seasons, endless love and endless eternity. Embrace "Life's Never Ending Seasons".

Mason Bradford - February 06, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JW

“ I remember Mrs. Skaar as a kind, elegant and cheerful wife and mother. I often spent time at the Skaar’s with my dear friend, Janet, and she always welcomed me, provided a loving presence and delicious snacks too. She made a lovely home for her family and all visitors.

Jane Wood - February 03, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Arpert Skaar.

February 02, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ The Potters Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dorothy Arpert Skaar.



The Potters Family - February 02, 2025 at 07:18 PM

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