



Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack

September 7, 1916 - January 2, 2018

Obituary Notice for Eleanor M. Van Schaack

Eleanor Mayhew Van Schaack, passed away on January 2, 2018.

Eleanor was born September 7, 1916 in Yonkers, NY. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Charles F. Mayhew and Belle Seaman Mayhew. After she married, she moved to Athens, which she fondly called home until moving to assisted living.

Eleanor was a retired teacher, having first taught in New Jersey, and later in the various Athens elementary schools, until her retirement. Part of those teaching years were in the “upper village school” in Athens.

She was a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, and former president of the Greene County Retired Teachers Association.

She was previously an active member of many local organizations, including the Athens Senior Citizens, Athens Republican Club, Community Action Agency (board member), and the Hudson Business and Professional Women, where she once served as secretary. For years she was a devoted member of the Federated Church of Athens, where she was organist and choir director for more than 65 years.

Eleanor was predeceased by her husband, Leonard Van Schaack, who died

in December, 1982. She is survived by two daughters, Kathy (Bill) Boyer of Athens, and Peggy (Tony) Phillips of Catskill. She is also survived by three grandsons: Kevin Boyer (Veronica) of Greer, SC, Brian Boyer (Kelly) of Clayton, NY, and Brent Phillips (Alexandra) of Kingston, NY. Eleanor was also the proud great-grandmother of Danielle, Lindsey, Leah, and Emmy. She was a loving mother and grandmother. We hope she will be remembered as a kind, caring person.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, N.Y., 12015, on Saturday, January 6, 2018, from 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.

Funeral services will be held at The First Reformed Church, 18 N. Church Street, Athens, N.Y. on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 12:00 Noon with Rev. John Capen officiating.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The Mt. Hope Cemetery in Athens, N.Y. Donations in Eleanor's name may be made to the Music Program at The First Reformed Church, 18 N. Church St., Athens, N.Y. 12015.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

Market Street
Athens, NY 12015

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
(518) 945-1065
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Funeral

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church
18 N. Church Street
Athens, NY 12015

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Kathy, Peggy and family I would like to s be my deepest sympathy to you all. Eleanor was a wonderful person I remember many good times at choir practice she was a great asset to the community with all her musical talent. Pam Bennett

Pamela Bennett - January 04, 2018 at 10:38 AM

KW

“ Kathy, Peggy and family...out deepest sympathy on your loss. She was an asset and jewel in the community and will be missed. Bradford & Karen Becker Weisenburn



Karen Weisenburn - January 03, 2018 at 10:04 PM

RW

“ Kathy, Peggy and Families,

How can anyone have lived and gone to school in Athens and not be somehow touched by your mother's kindness and love of music? Before I learned how to play the piano, I studied her hands when I was in elementary school as she played for school concerts and 4th grade shows. I marveled at her skill and loved how her music added joy to school and church. Later, when all of our paths crossed as church music directors and accompanists, I saw the same passion and musical skill in both of you. I am honored to have known her and I will forever be inspired by how her music reached so many people. I will always remember her as being seated at the upright piano to the right of the Athens Elementary stage or wearing her choir robe and filling the church with beautiful sounds. God bless you all at this difficult time.

Robert Whiteman and Family

Robert Whiteman - January 03, 2018 at 08:10 PM

MP

“ My fourth grade teacher. One of the best!!!
Peace!

Michael Peters - January 03, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack .



January 03, 2018 at 04:53 PM

WC

“ Mrs. Van Schaack was my fourth grade teacher as well as my husbands. She was always so kind, nurturing and a true lady in her demeanor and the way she spoke. Our deepest sympathies to her family. May she Rest In Peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.
Wendi & Mike Carroll



Wendi Carroll - January 03, 2018 at 02:13 PM

LN

“ Although I didn't have her as a teacher, I DO remember how kind and sweet she was. My condolences to her family.

Linda Nickels - January 03, 2018 at 01:01 PM

PC

“ We have many fond memories of Eleanor. She was a sweet and caring lady! I know Bette Cooper was happy to see her when she entered heaven. She will be missed by many!!

Philip & Judy Cooper - January 03, 2018 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ Christina (Wicks) Beers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack



Christina (Wicks) Beers - January 03, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ Tina Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack



Tina Benjamin - January 03, 2018 at 11:04 AM



She was my 4th grade teacher and close member of our family, she is a sweet living woman with a heart of gold

Tina Benjamin - January 03, 2018 at 11:05 AM

BP

“ Eleanor was always a kind and gentle spirt who left this world a better place for having been here. She has earned her place in our father’s house and I know she is joyful.

brian phillips - January 03, 2018 at 09:51 AM

RJ

“ Ralph Apa, daughter Lisa & son John purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack .



Ralph Apa, daughter Lisa & son John - January 03, 2018 at 09:31 AM

WD

“ Wayne And Debbie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack



Wayne and Debbie - January 03, 2018 at 08:37 AM

MB

“ CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS HEAVEN'S GAIN OUR LOSS. REST IN PEACE YOU EARNED IT. RICHARD KUSISTO , MARY BETH BETH AND HUNTER HILLENBRAND REMEMBER THE UPPER VILLAGE SCHOOL SHE WAS THE PILLAR

MARY BETH - January 03, 2018 at 12:51 AM

SM

“ I remember the fourth grade walking tour and the fourth grade operetta Mrs. V. would share with the class I was in (Lee Dansky's class). A class act who gave of herself for so many years to the children of the Athens-Catskill community. May she rest in peace.

Steven Mann - January 02, 2018 at 04:10 PM

CF

“ Carole, Harry and their families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. Van Schaack .



Carole, Harry and their families - January 02, 2018 at 03:50 PM

LD

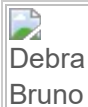
“ I just happened to see this notice and I had to not only extend my condolences to the family, but wanted to say that Mrs. VanSchaack was my fourth grade teacher at Athens Elementary School. I remember her very fondly as not only a wonderful and inspiring teacher, but, yes, truly a kind and caring person. She was a gift in so many ways. May she rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to all.
Laurie Deyo

Laurie Deyo - January 02, 2018 at 03:24 PM

PC

So glad I got to meet Eleanor and spend time with her while working at Camp Loyal Town with my friends the Benjamins. A wonderful lady. RIP Eleanor from your friend in New Zealand

Patsy Carlyle - January 02, 2018 at 09:23 PM

 Debra Bruno

*Mrs. Van Schaack was my fourth grade teacher and I always looked up to her as an example of what a teacher could be: elegant, disciplined, firm, but kind. As an added benefit, it was lovely to see her in church watching her daughters Kathy lead the choir and Peggy as a lay minister to the congregation. My condolences to all of the family. She was a lovely woman.
*Debbie Bruno**

Debra Bruno - January 03, 2018 at 09:50 AM

PP

*What a wonderful legacy! Her picture should be in the dictionary next to the word "teacher". She gave everything to her teaching to every child that entered her classroom. Go and enjoy your retirement in heaven, I am sure you will be teaching the angels a couple of classes.
*Paul Peters**

Paul Peters - January 03, 2018 at 10:03 AM

GB

Very fond memories of my fourth grade teacher. My condolences to her family.

Gina Berry - January 03, 2018 at 12:20 PM

RD

Mrs. Van Schaack was a wonderful example of a Christian woman. She touched the lives of countless Athenians who were her students, her choir members, her fellow Church members, and all were CERTAINLY her admirers. As they say, "the end of an era." They just don't make them like her any more.

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS.....!

Richard Darling - January 04, 2018 at 08:30 PM