



Emily J. Brunner

November 24, 1924 - October 2, 2017

Emily J. Brunner, age 92 of Athens passed away at Greene Meadows, Catskill, NY on Monday, Oct. 2, 2017. She was born on Nov. 24, 1924 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

She is predeceased by her parents Emil and Mary Helen (Hira) Brunner, also Brothers, Richard, John and Norman. Survived by Brother, Robert J. Brunner, Sr., also by several nieces and nephews and Sisters-in-law Lynn Brunner of Athens and Kathryn Brunner of Albany.

Emily arrived in Athens in 1930 when her father became the Lighthouse Keeper at the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse where he was the keeper until 1949.

She was a graduate of Athens High School in June, 1943, also a graduate of Hudson Hospital School of Nursing in June, 1946 and Syracuse University, class of 1953. She was a school nurse in Catskill High School and Cairo Durham High School.

Emily gave many hours serving her community and was recognized in 2010 by the Village of Athens and the US House of Representatives for her work. Emily was a Past President of the Athens Senior Citizens Club. In 1998 she was voted the award of Outstanding Contribution by a Senior in Greene

County. She was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Athens, N.Y. and the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society where she gave tours of what it was like to live on a Lighthouse.

In memory of Emily, donations can be sent to the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, P.O.B. 145, Athens, N.Y. 12015

She loved helping people and will be remembered by her generosity and care for others.

At Emily's request no services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, Athens, N.Y. Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Tribute Wall

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“ Nurse Brunner was my school nurse at Cairo Durham and I loved her stories of what it was like to live in the lighthouse as a child. She was compassionate, caring, and yet also very no-nonsense. She knew it was rough to be a teen, and I appreciated the little things she did on the sly (peanut butter and sandwich or a nap anyone?) to help us get through the day. 5c cough drops, for the win! She made a mark on our lives in the best way.



Tina Martinez - October 12, 2017 at 11:57 AM

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“ Linda Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Emily J. Brunner



Linda Lawrence - October 09, 2017 at 10:56 AM

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“ Emily was an absolutely wonderful person and friend. I always loved her stories about living in the lighthouse and her funny stories that would make everyone laugh.
God Bless you Emily

Rick Rasmussen - October 06, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ *Miss Brunner was the school nurse at Cairo Durham High while I was in school. She was such a loving caring woman . I had many free periods during the day and Miss Brunner knew I was interested in nursing , so she encouraged me to stay in her office and let me learn all about school nursing. We had become quite close and I will miss her!* ”

Rosemarie Alfano - October 04, 2017 at 12:22 PM