



Lena Sheetz French Fuller

January 9, 1933 - November 6, 2019

Heishman Funeral Home Inc sends condolences to the family of Lena Sheetz French Fuller.

Lena French Fuller, 86, of Maurertown, Virginia passed away November 6, 2019 at her home. She was born in Woodstock, Virginia January 9, 1933 and was the daughter of Warren B. French Sr. and Lena Sheetz French of Woodstock, VA.

Lena is predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Robert F. Fuller, both parents, brothers F. Douglas French, Sr., Millson S. French, Sr., Orrin L. French, Sr., and brother-in-law Cliff L. Fuller, Jr. She is survived by 5 daughters and son-in-laws; Laura F. and V. Mark Zanchettin of Amarillo, Texas, Karen F. and Ken Harris of Greensboro, North Carolina, Mary Sue and Larry Weatherholtz of Edinburg, Virginia, Gretchen F. and Glenn Franklin, Martha F. and Steve Heltzel of Woodstock, Virginia. Lena is survived by grandchildren; Drake Harris, Franco Zanchettin, Christine Collins, Loren Funk, Kyle Franklin, Alexandra Davis, Drew Harris, and Jacob Heltzel and great-grandchildren; Madison Collins, Ava Harris, Kade Collins, Vinny Zanchettin, and Maddalena Zanchettin. She is also survived by brother Warren B. French, Jr., and sisters Emma F. Randel, Ellen F. Fuller, Sally F. Weber, and sister-in-laws, Pat French, Doris French, Marian French, and Joyce French.

Lena was a graduate of Woodstock High School in 1951 and continued her education at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia where she majored in Biology with a minor in Chemistry earning a Bachelor of Science. After graduation from Mary Washington she worked for her father at the Woodstock Hotel, married Bob Fuller in 1955, and began their family. In addition to raising five daughters, Lena was actively involved in the Woodstock Garden club with her sister-in-laws. She enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader. She made the majority of her children's clothing and taught herself to knit, quilt, spin wool and use a four harness loom. She made handmade baskets from ash tree logs soaked in the river and caned chairs. She and Bob built a family cabin on the river from reclaimed logs they salvaged from an old homestead and delivered warrants in the Valley area after Bob's retirement. One of her main loves was genealogy and the history of the local area. Genealogists and family history lovers from around the United States frequently found their way to her home library for information and an afternoon of in-depth discussions of events, people and places that shaped the Shenandoah Valley area. She worked 15 years researching and compiling detailed survey maps of original land grants in Shenandoah County. Her resulting book is now found and used in the United States Library of Congress and numerous courthouses and libraries in the area. Lena was presented the prestigious Virginia Genealogical Society 2019 Virginia Records Award for outstanding contributions in platting original land surveys in Shenandoah County shortly before her death.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Woodstock United Methodist Church, 154 South Muhlenberg Street, Woodstock, Virginia. Burial will be in Massanutten Cemetery in Woodstock. Pallbearers will be Doug French Jr., Charles French, Millson French Jr., Steve French, Christopher French, Martin French, Billy French, and Timmy French. The family will receive friends and family

Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 6-8 at Valley Funeral Chapel, 14116 South Middle Road, Edinburg, Virginia.

Memorial donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Legacy Hospice, 2322 Blue Stone Hills Drive, #220, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Massanutten Cemetery

Benchoff Drive
Woodstock, VA 22664

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodstock United Methodist Church
156 S. Muhlenberg St
Woodstock, VA 22664

Tribute Wall



“ *Lena Sheetz French Fuller*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Lena Sheetz French Fuller*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Fuller family. Bob and Lena were loyal customers at Massanutten Lanes for years and we will cherish those memories.*

*Love,
The Shelton Family.*

Debbie Raines - November 11, 2019 at 07:11 AM

CB

“ We have so many wonderful memories growing up with the Fuller clan. We will always remember whenever we came to visit as kids and we were slouching, Lena would always say stand up straight and hold in your stomach. Deedee and I are still working on that today. We will always remember her large loom sitting in the kitchen and a warm and cozy fire in the fireplace. We learned so many interesting things about Lena in her obit that I didn't know. My family and I send our heartfelt condolences and love to Laura, Karen, Mary Sue, Gretchen and Martha.

Love,
Curly, Cathy and DeeDee
'The Barrs'

P.S. Mom wants to thank her for the 5 little girls you put in her loving care. She will always remember Lena traveled down to see DeeDee get married all by herself in the big van.

Cathy Barr - November 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM

EF

“ Ellen Fuller and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lena Sheetz French Fuller.



Ellen Fuller and family - November 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM

TF

“ *Teresa F. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Lena Sheetz French Fuller.*



Teresa F. - November 08, 2019 at 10:32 AM

LC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Lena's passing. She and my mother, Nancy Carter Carey, were classmates WHS 1951 and friends. Please accept my condolences and prayers.*
Linda Carey

Linda Carey - November 08, 2019 at 09:21 AM