



## Estelle Christiansen

June 7, 1934 - August 26, 2014

Surrounded by her family who loved her so much, Estelle Christiansen, 80, of LeRaysville, (Pike Township), PA and Leesburg, FL. passed unexpectedly into her new life on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

Estelle was born on June 7, 1934 in Jersey City, NJ the daughter of Anthony “Tony” and Mary Scarpato Tarantino. She was a 1951 graduate of Weehawken High School, Weehawken, NJ. Upon graduation she was hired “on the spot” as a personal assistant to Mr. Picone of Evan Picone Clothing. She also modeled their lines of clothing. Estelle stayed in their employed for 3 years until she met and married her best friend and love of her life Alfred Christiansen Sr. on August 4, 1956. Together they shared 58 tender, blissful years together. In 1966, Estelle and her husband Alfred moved to Pike Township, Bradford County, PA. Estelle began volunteering as a teacher’s aid in the LeRaysville school. After 3 years of happy employment she retired from the school to deliver her fourth son and raise her family. In 1977, Estelle was elected to the board of supervisors of Pike Township. She was the first woman to hold a supervisor office there and was also the first woman to hold a supervisor title in Bradford County. In 1978, the couple established Christiansen Tire Center, which continues operation to present by their son Jeff. Estelle was an aspiring writer and loved composing short stories and poems. She had several stories published in “Guideposts” magazine and held the record for the most stories published in the Daily Review column “A Slice

of Life". Estelle and Alfred retired to Leesburg, FL in 1999 and joined the church family of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, FL. They actively worshipped there as Estelle began her 5 years as the director of the entire church prayer meetings and Sunday school programs, eagerly sharing her faith, testimony and love of the Lord to all she met. Avid card players, Estelle and Alfred organized a Tuesday evening Euchre cards night at the Leesburg community building.

Weekly games were always greatly anticipated and were full of fun and laughter. Estelle's patience in teaching novice players always made her a favorite among the guests. Estelle (with her love of books and writing) revamped the Scotch High Lands library in Leesburg, FL. Through the library's assistance, she hired seven women and managed to catalog and organize 7,000 books. It continues to be a great asset in the community today. Estelle and her beloved husband enjoyed having guests on Saturday nights sharing dinner, playing cards and fellowshiping. They also thrived on spending Saturday together, scouting out garage sales and flea markets searching for treasures. In light of her many accomplishments in her life, Estelle's greatest joy was welcoming new church members to her home for dinner (always ready to set another plate at the table) and seeing the smiling faces of her family gathered around the Sunday dinner table. Estelle was a loving supportive mother to her sons Alfred Jr., Jeffrey, Robert and Craig from the time of their birth until the time of her passing. They miss her cheery upbeat attitude terribly. Estelle is survived by her husband, Alfred R. Christiansen Sr., sons, Alfred Christiansen Jr. and wife Rita of Nichols, NY, Jeffrey Christiansen and wife Frannie of Pike Township, Robert Christiansen of Pike Township, Craig Christiansen and wife Marcy of Watkins Glen, NY, grandchildren, Mark Christiansen and Talia Christiansen, brother, Anthony Tarantino Jr. and wife Maureen of Rutherford, NJ, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA assisted the Christiansen

Family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



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“ Jeff, Franny, and Family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. There is nothing more difficult than losing a parent, and I feel great sorrow for you and your family. Peace be with you and your family at this time of grieving. I've found remembering the wonderful times you had with your parent is always comforting at such a difficult time. Love, Jodi Michel



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**jodi michel** - August 31, 2014 at 12:24 PM

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“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Mrs. Christiansen's passing. Our families have been good friends for years and that friendship will continue both here on earth and now in Heaven with those who have passed before us. Sending much love and strength in the days to come. Patty & Bob Lamkay

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**Patty Lamkay** - August 29, 2014 at 02:11 PM

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“ Al and Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Estelle. Are thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please know that we share in your loss and she will be deeply missed by all. Pete & Lorna Palmblad

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**Peter & Lorna Palmblad** - August 29, 2014 at 10:30 AM