



## Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

July 17, 2013

Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog, 100, of Ghent Hill Road, Ulster, Sheshequin Township, PA dearly beloved wife of the late Daniel Henry VanderPloog Sr. and devoted mother of Daniel Henry VanderPloog Jr. passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA.

Hazel was born September 1, 1912 in Passaic, NJ the daughter of the late John James Smith Sr. and Nellie Arensman Smith. She attended Passaic Grammar School and was a graduate of Passaic High School and Drake Business College. In early years, Hazel was employed as a secretary for the Hoffman LaRouche Pharmaceutical Company in Nutley, NJ and as a private investigator for Bamberger & Company (R. H. Macy) in Wayne, NJ. She was later employed by National Community Bank in Rutherford, NJ. Hazel was a member of the Ulster Village Presbyterian Church where she served as a church elder and member of the church women's group. She was also a member of the Old Grove Nature Club and the Quilt Club of Ulster. Hazel and her late husband worked very hard in helping abused animals.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Henry VanderPloog Jr. of Ulster, sister-in-law, Margaret VanDyke of Sussex, NJ, Special Friends, Ida and Tom Einreinhofer and Janie Lauter. Greatest appreciation is extended to her caregivers, Kim Whyte, Rhoda Kauffman and Edie Wright.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Evelyn Smith Bilas and brother, John James Smith Jr.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 12 p.m. at the North Rome Wesleyan Church with Pastor Theodore Griffin officiating.

Interment will follow in the Sheshequin Valley Cemetery, Sheshequin Township, PA

Friends may call one hour prior to the service Tuesday morning at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the North Rome Wesleyan Church, 3374 North Rome Road, Rome, PA 18837 or to the Bradford County Humane Society, PO Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850 in Hazel's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Bowen-Farr Funeral Home, 6 Farr St. Ulster, PA.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sheshequin Valley Cemetery

Riverside Drive  
Athens, PA 18840

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

North Rome Wesleyan Church  
Rome, PA

## Service

JUL 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

North Rome Wesleyan Church  
Rome, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ Avis Michalowski lit a candle in memory of  
Hazel Laurene Smith VanderPloog



Avis Michalowski - July 22, 2013 at 12:02 PM

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*The first time I met Hazel was in Bambergers, a department store in New Jersey. She worked with my sister, Jane. I'll always remember how nice she was, from the start.*

*Through the years, she and my sister stayed the dearest of friends. Hazel always remembered me and would ask how I was.*

*Five years ago my husband died. She wrote me the most thoughtful card. Hazel always took the time to care about others. She was one of the kindest people you could be fortunate enough to meet.*

*My deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends.*  
*Avis Michalowski*

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**Seth Urey** - July 22, 2013 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Barb Feathers lit a candle in memory of Hazel  
Laurene Smith VanderPloog*



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**Barb Feathers** - July 21, 2013 at 06:00 PM

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*The Drs and staff of the Athens Animal Hospital wish to express or sincere sympathy to Hazel's family and friends. She was a client for many years. She had a deep compassion for all animals. Her smile and cheerful attitude will be greatly missed.*

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**Barb Feathers** - July 21, 2013 at 06:06 PM

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“ Hazel’s zest for life touched many and her faith in God was deep.

*Hazel and I met each other at Bambergers Department store on May 2, 1968. We were applying for the same job.*

*We peered over at each other as we filled out the applications for the position. We looked at each other and smiled and became fast friends. We have been friends for 46 years. Hard to believe.*

*Hazel was a fun person. I have so many stories but one in particular that*

*we reminisced about through the years was the day we had inventory*

*at Bambergers Dept. store.*

*We were assigned to the Candy Department.*

*Oh boy that may have been a mistake on their part! On Inventory day, we started counting the raspberry creams, boxes of chocolate mousse and fruit treats, caramels...We looked at each other and giggled. Hazel and I began eating a little bit of the inventory. One for them, one for us. We laughed all night. The irony of us being assigned to the candy department was just too much. We laughed til our sides ached.*

*Hazel lived..*

*No day went by that she didnt enjoy life to the fullest extent that was possible. She knew how precious every single hour, every single minute of her life, and everyone else’s life was. Her wisdom was deep and she knew how to share it.*

*She was a role model and a friend to all who wished to be her friend.*

*Her heart was open. I will dearly miss Hazel.*

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**janie Lauter** - July 20, 2013 at 04:05 PM

JL

“ *Janie Lauter lit a candle in memory of Hazel  
Laurene Smith VanderPloog*



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**Janie Lauter** - July 20, 2013 at 11:21 AM