



Signa M. Souder

December 11, 2020

Signa M. Souder, age 91 of Lewes, died peacefully of complications from Parkinson's disease on December 11, 2020 at The Moorings of Lewes. She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Souder and her husband Glenn Rill of New Castle; her son John R. Souder and his long-time companion Victoria Satz of Milton, and her son Eric H. Souder of Annandale, Va. She was predeceased by her husband of nearly 70 years, John W. Souder.

Mrs. Souder was born and raised in Lebanon, PA. After high school she worked in the business office of the local Sears store. She and John were married in 1948. They moved to Delaware in 1950, first living in Georgetown and then in Midway.

Mrs. Souder was a full-time homemaker while her children were young, but then began working as a paraprofessional at Shields Elementary School in Lewes. At first she was a teacher's aide and then spent many years running the school library. After her retirement, she was a volunteer for Read Aloud for over 20 years.

Mrs. Souder was a long-time member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach and a member of the Unity Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron of the Unity Chapter and also served a term on the staff of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

The family wishes to thank the entire staff of the skilled nursing unit at The Moorings of Lewes for the kind and compassionate care they provided Mrs. Souder during her time there.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or to Read Aloud of Delaware, Sussex County Office, 108 North Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Due to the pandemic, services will be private. The family hopes to hold a celebration of

her life next year when we can gather to share our memories of her.

Please sign the online guest book located on the tribute page.

Tribute Wall

VN

“ Vickie Nicklas lit a candle in memory of Signa M. Souder



Vickie Nicklas - December 20, 2020 at 01:47 AM

MD

“ I worked with Signa for quite a few years at Shields School. We shared a lot. We laughed and have good times together. Her husband John and my husband John were both in the Masons together. A wonderful lady. Mary Lou Dickson.



Mary Lou Dickson - December 18, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Suzanne, John, & Eric I am so sorry for the loss of you wonderful mother. I was an occupational therapy student at The Moorings when I met both of your parents. Joyous, fun, and loving are just a few of the words I would use to describe your mom. She had such an impact on me and I admired her strength and determination. I was able to go back to visit her only a few times but she was always so happy to see me and she was so proud of all of you. As hard as it is for us who are left behind; I hope you will take comfort knowing she is together again with the love of her life, your father. You are all in my prayers. May God grant you the grace of peace in your hearts. - Helen Petersen-Venters COTA/L

Helen Petersen-Venters - December 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM

PH

“ I worked with your mother at Shields Elementary for many years. She was one of the nicest, sweetest people I've ever worked with. Hugs to you and your family

Patricia Hocker - December 18, 2020 at 08:17 AM

Amy
Reed
Parker

“ Remembering our Mothers(Midge Reed) friendship with your Mother(& Father) & having heard her speak so fondly of them over the years, I send my sincere condolences to John(my old classmate), & his siblings. May your Mom be resting in ever-lasting peace.



Amy Reed Parker - December 16, 2020 at 08:04 PM

CE

“ My deepest sympathy goes to all the Souder family on the loss of their dear Mother. As a member of Epworth Methodist Church, I have been friends with Signa for many years and I have never met a more gracious, caring person. And what a handsome couple she and your Dad were! They were always a stylish couple in the UMW fashion shows. I'm sure they are happy to be together again in heaven! -- Carol Ewing

Carol Ewing - December 16, 2020 at 04:00 PM

SS

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Suzanne M Souder - December 16, 2020 at 02:08 PM

ES

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



eric souder - December 15, 2020 at 10:21 PM

CK

The top picture s is how I remember Signs. Her smile and giggle. We had fun!

Cathy Kunst - December 16, 2020 at 12:49 AM

ES

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



eric souder - December 15, 2020 at 10:13 PM

PH

“ Suzanne, John, Eric: I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I look forward to seeing you sometime in 2021.

Bill Hitchens

Preston Hitchens - December 15, 2020 at 07:45 PM

CK

Eric, Suzanne and John so sad to hear of your Mom's passing. I enjoyed visiting with her at the moorings, but haven't been able to since the quarantine. We worked together at Shields Elementary and rode to school together when you lived in Midway. Your Mom was always so kind and we looked forward to gabbing. When we visited She was such a wonderful mom and loved your dad so. She will be missed. Eric I remember you from being in my class.

Cathy Kunst - December 16, 2020 at 12:39 AM

MJ

“ 😞 I worked at the moorings .signa was my buddy i enjoyed talking to her about all kinds of wonderful things. Like her Husband & her wonderful kids she was so happy when Eric & the other would come see her. She was a proud mother spoke so highly of her children .i will hold my memory close of her. & prayers go out to her family.. sincerely Michael JonesDoughery. 🌹

Michael JonesDoughery - December 15, 2020 at 01:04 PM

EP

“ Miss Signa was just the sweetest thing. I knew her at her retirement home, and I always told her that we were "Lebanon Sisters" forever. She grew up in the same county in Pennsylvania as I and it was fun to chat about our home town. Signa had a gentle golden touch, and she delighted everyone who came to know her.



Emily Petry - December 14, 2020 at 11:23 PM

WH

“ From the Activity & Skilled Nursing Staff, Signa was more than just a resident to us...she was family. Signa's soft spoken voice was always positive and up lifting when she talked everyone listened. She was so kind hearted and cared for staff and asked about their family just like we cared for her and talked to her about her children in which Signa loved her family very much. Signa had great faith and at no point did she ever break her faith. Signa you will be missed very much..we love you.



Wilma Holt - December 14, 2020 at 06:33 PM

AD

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Souders passing. Just had to break the news to my mother Elizabeth Ball. They taught school together at Shields and were friends for many years. She sends her prayers and condolences.

Alisa Ball- Dukes - December 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM

ES

Thank you. I remember your mom. Fond memories.
Eric

Eric Souder - December 15, 2020 at 04:47 PM

SS

Yes, thank you. I remember meeting your mother several times and my mother speaking fondly of her.

Suzanne Souder - December 15, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ Wanted you to know your are in our prayers as you gather to celebrate mom's life and faith. I have so many wonderful memories of times spent with mom and dad and your family. I was privileged to share part of the journey with you all and will be praying that you experience God's comfort and strength in a powerful way. God's blessings.
Jonathan & Donna Baker

Jonathan Baker - December 14, 2020 at 05:38 PM



Shelly Souder

“ To say I am devastated by her loss and for your broken hearts is the understatement of the century. I feel blessed that my last visit with her, about this time last year, was a lovely AND loving one. I know she suffered so for the last several years with the physical maladies that tried to best her. No matter how badly she was feeling, she always greeted me with a smile and gracious inquiries about myself and my family. I wish for your peace and healing as you deal with this loss, Suzanne, John, and Eric (always in birth order ;). May the memories be as sweet as she was.

Shelly Souder - December 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM

LM

“ Suzanne, John and Eric,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your mother. She was always so kind and generous, a true inspiration for living a good life. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Fondly,
Linda McDermott

Linda McDermott - December 14, 2020 at 04:14 PM

TW

“ Eric, John & Suzanne,
My thoughts are with you and your families during this difficult time. Your mother was the most appropriate woman! She was always strong in her faith and doing the right thing. She always greeted me with a warm handshake and how are you, when I would see her in the community or in church. I hope that you all find strength in the strong woman that she was and can share many beautiful memories to carry you forward.

Terry (Brandner) Warrington

Terry L Warrington - December 14, 2020 at 07:49 AM

SF

“ Suzanne, John, & Eric,
Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Have many fond memories of your Mom & Dad when my Mom and I would babysit for you guys. Mostly when they lived on Route 1.

Susan (Webb) Fisher



Susan Fisher - December 13, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ John & Eric,

I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts.

*John W. Dean II
Milton, Delaware*

John Dean II - December 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CW

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a lovely, kind lady! She, Mrs. Hanley and my mom had some good times together at Shields. My mom died before I had my daughter and your mom, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. Doney, Mrs. Saulsbury and Mrs. Williams all got together to give me a wonderful baby shower. They invited all of my mom's friends. I remember your parents square dancing in fellowship hall at Bethel with my parents and many others. Oh how I loved to watch them! Heaven has gained a beautiful angel and I am sure her friends as well as your Dad were glad to see her. Cherish your memories of such a wonderful mom and lady! May God provide comfort to you during this difficult time.

Carol Scheirer Wright - December 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM

GM

Good memories of parties we went to and what fun we had. John, your son, was a good friend of my daughter, Donna while in school. It is hard to lose someone that you love. Prayers for the family.

Gloria Miller (Franklin Hardware)

gloria miller - December 15, 2020 at 03:42 PM

VN

Signa was a true Eastern Star sister that was my pleasure to meet and get to know. She was a true Lady who always had a smile and kind word for everyone. Prayers to her family.

Vickie Nicklas - December 20, 2020 at 01:54 AM