

OBITUARY

Marianne E. Ertman, 86, of Basking Ridge, N.J., passed away Saturday, July 9, 2016, at RWJ University Hospital in Rahway. Born and raised in Queens, N.Y., she lived in Hackettstown, N.J., Centereach on Long Island, then Westfield, N.J., for many years, before moving to Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge in 2007. She was predeceased by her husband, the Rev. Charles L. Ertman, who died in 1988. Surviving are her sons, Thomas, a professor at New York University (and his wife, Susan Pedersen); Andrew, a managing director at the global investment firm of Morgan Stanley, and John, a partner in the law firm of Ropes & Gray (and his wife, Elizabeth); her sister, Elizabeth Johnson, and eight grandchildren, Saskia, Carl, Nicholas, Lauren, Luke, Sam, John, and Katherine. Marianne graduated from Hunter College, and helped her husband build two church congregations, Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown, N.J., and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Centereach, N.Y. Later, after her husband's retirement from the ministry, she was employed as a secretary at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, before taking a position as a judicial secretary, first for the Honorable Cuddie Davidson and then for the Hon. John Triarsi at the Union County Superior Courthouse. She retired in 2002. She was passionate about social issues and the arts, and was an enormous inspiration and supporter of her children's professional careers. Private arrangements are by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood, N.J. To sign the guestbook, visit fanwoodmemorial.com. Those who wish may make a memorial donation in her memory to Lutheran Social Ministries, 3 Manhattan Dr., Burlington, N.J. 08016 or online at www.lsmnj.org.

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