



## Genevieve Caroline Vaaler

September 18, 1924 - September 1, 2020

Genevieve Caroline Vaaler, age 95 of Canton, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Season's Hospice in Cumming.

She is survived by: Son - John (Toni) Vaaler of Tuscon, AZ.

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Daughter - Karen (Ron) Fisher of Charlotte, NC. Daughter

Linda (David) Starowicz of Chesapeake, VA.

Daughter - Lisa (Mark Rowe) Vaaler of Canton

Grandchildren - Jeff (Heather) Vaaler, Marlayna (Eric) Doell; Erin (Jason) Pavalchak, Greg (Tiffini) Fisher; Jenna Rowe

Great-Grandchildren - Izzy Pavelchak, Ellery Vaaler

Genevieve, or “Gen” was a kind, thoughtful, witty, and amazing woman, who loved her family and friends. No one ever believed she was 95 – and she was always proud and delighted of the compliments she would receive regarding her agelessness! Always quick to point out that she still didn’t need glasses or hearing aids, and could still “roller-skate” around everyone (not really – but who knew!).

She had amazing tenacity growing up as a coal miner’s daughter in Pennsylvania, living and working through the depression as a child, working through war time in New Jersey, and then one day she met and married the love of her life, Lee Vaaler. She and Lee raised four kids in Wisconsin while running their own business - a meat-market-butcher shop. She worked her fanny off in the cold meat lockers, yet managed to maintain a warm home and family life for all.

Family was of utmost importance to Gen and she made sure that her children knew who they were, and what was important – love, honesty, hard-work, loyalty, and laughter. (and... making a good Brandy Old Fashioned for the adult crowd didn’t hurt either!). She brought us up with the extended Vaaler family and Christmas’s, Thanksgiving, and BBQ outings were always spent singing around the piano, playing cards, telling great jokes, and sharing meals and family times....life was really good.

Sadly, she lost her husband at the age of 47. Gen never remarried, but she has said that

God kept her strong and on earth to do her job in raising her young children. She did it well. She raised a family of four who still carry the tradition and importance of family celebrations....four children who not only loved her, and unconditionally supported her through her later years, but LOVE each other to this day. She will be greatly missed, and even at 95 it seems like it was too early, but she leaves this earth with a job well done! Gen will soon rest alongside her husband Leland Vaaler, in Viroqua Wisconsin. A Spring interment is being planned.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations to be made to the American Heart Association at <https://www2.heart.org/> or donate by phone at 1-800-AHA-USA1. The Staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Vaaler Family.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. I have lots of childhood memories of her. Her skinny pancakes with sugar!!! The time she and my Mom decided to cut my waist-length hair by putting it a tight pony tail and cutting it off!!! It is funny now, but I cried and cried!! What were those too thinking? I have many fond memories of your Mom and always enjoyed her smiling face. Growing up on South East Avenue was special for so many kids! Thinking of all of you as I know she will be missed greatly.

Kathy (Hill) Goettl, Brown Deer, WI

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