



Dr. Vera Jean Krisukas

November 10, 2020

Dr. Vera Jean Krisukas, 100 of Allentown passed away peacefully November 10, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Vera was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Broni G. Krisukas. She was born in Stroudsburg, Pa. on December 30, 1919 to the late Ellsworth and Leila Palmer. Vera is survived by her son Gene F. Krisukas and wife Carol, son Rodger D. Krisukas and wife Judy, daughter Lea Ann Graeffe and late husband Howard, and daughter Jane E. DePiero and husband James. She is also survived by her 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Vera graduated from Penn State in 1941 and completed medical school at Temple University in 1944. In 1946 Vera started her own family practice; spanning over five decades her favorite part was welcoming new life into the world. Prior to her retirement in 1990, Vera served as the Medical Director of Health Services at Cedar Crest College from 1965-1984. She was a doctor to all and it wasn't unusual for her to accept a tray of homemade baklava as payment for services.

Dr. Vera Krisukas served as president of both the Medical Women of Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Academy of Family Practice. She was also a member of the American Medical Society, Lehigh County Medical Society, and the Allentown Hospital Medical Board.

Vera believed in educating and giving back to the community. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader for over 16 years, she taught leadership and outdoor skills. Throughout the 80's and 90's Vera served as a board member on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA, Planned Parenthood of Lehigh Valley, and the YWCA. She also was on the Advisory Committee on Sex Education and a lecturer in Lehigh County Schools.

Post retirement Vera held various positions at Cedarbrook Nursing Home and Phoebe Allentown. Additionally she volunteered across the Lehigh Valley at many blood drives with the mobile Miller-Keystone Blood Center.

Dr. Vera Jean Krisukas received several awards over the years culminating with the YWCA's Women's Leadership Award in 1991. Vera was also a Charter Member of Calvary Baptist Church of Allentown.

Vera never let outside influences deter her active life style which included concerts, traveling all over the world, hunting, camping, skiing (until she was 89), hiking, and canoeing. She shared her love of the outdoors and the Delaware River with her grandchildren well into her 90's. Dr. Vera Jean Palmer Krisukas had a life well lived.

The immediate family will be holding a private service with a Celebration Of Life to follow in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to YWCA, Planned Parenthood, Greater Valley Girl Scout Council, or Phoebe Allentown.

Tribute Wall

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“ She delivered both of my babies,in 1979 my son an 1981 my daughter,and did a house call for my husband,she was the best,talked to you like a mom,a talked to you with love an compassion,no Dr. Will ever be like her the best,the most caring an compasionat Dr. I have ever encountuncountered,I remember waiting on her for breakfast at the ham fam diner back in 2000, she said nice to see you again,I'm going skiing now take care,

Rose gellis - October 06, 2021 at 09:16 PM

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By the way she also delivered all of my mother-in-law Babies too,except for my husband,because she was having a baby too

Rose gellis - October 06, 2021 at 09:19 PM

JK

“ Dr. Krisukas was our family doctor for 25 years. She was forthright, honest and empathetic in all the good ways one should be as a doctor. She made a house call when my husband and I were both so sick with the flu we couldn't get out of bed. She counseled both of us with anxiety and depression issues. She visited me in the hospital when I had a bad case of food poisoning. She sent me a card and note after the birth of my daughter, long after she had retired. I just wish I could've had one last chat with her to tell her how important she was in my/our life.

Jane Krasley - November 19, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ Dr. Krisukas was a wonderful doctor and human being. She delivered me on 12/30/46 and five of my siblings knowing how financially strapped my family was;never asking first whether we had health insurance. She remained my physician until she retired and delivered my son 11/20/74 and also made a house call to me when I had gallbladder problems. My sincere condolences to her family . She will be greatly missed.

Mary Unger - November 17, 2020 at 05:40 PM

FG

“ Dr. Krisukas was our family doctor for many years. She delivered all 5 of my children and my two oldest granddaughters. She took such good care of all of us and she even made house calls. She was a great doctor and will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to her family/

Florence Gower - November 16, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ Dr. Krisukas was our family Doc for years and in fact she delivered me. My mother, Ruth Entler, loved her and she was a role model for her decision to go to nursing school at age 50. Our family home was less than one block from her practice on Linden and Franklin Street and I can still picture the house, the waiting room and her office. I'm sure she saved our lives more than once! My deepest sympathy for your family. Louise (Entler) Dillensnyder

Louise Dillensnyder - November 15, 2020 at 07:40 AM