



Flora Mary Speer

October 15, 2024

Flora Mary Speer, 91, passed away October 15, 2024, in Newington. Born September 4, 1933, in Somers Point, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Katharine and Ralph DeGroot. She graduated from Pitman High School in Pitman, New Jersey in 1952, University of Hartford, Summa Cum Laude in 1978 and Southern, CT State College with a master's in library science. Flora worked as a Medical Secretary at Hartford Hospital and was the medical secretary / office manager for Dr. Edward Truex. In 1988 she published her first historical romance novel, and went on to publish 19 more, along with two Novellas. Writing and research was her passion. Her gardens, and delicious meals and desserts were legendary. Her love of her grandchildren and great-grandsons knew no bounds. She is survived by her daughter Beth Grenham and her husband Kevin of West Hartford; her grandchildren Mary, Annie (Russ), and Chris (Phoebe); and great grandsons, Jack, Brayden and Declan; her brothers Ralph DeGroot and David DeGroot, as well as many nieces and nephews. Calling hours 9-11 AM, October 21, 2024, at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT. Prayer service to follow at 11 AM at Molloy Funeral Home. Burial immediately following the service at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Speer family,

I'm sitting here doing my annual Christmas cards and something made me type in Flora's name into Google and I saw her Obit. I am so sorry to hear she has passed. I never met her in person, but when I was looking to start writing romance books, she saw my little note asking how to go about it in a women's writing newsletter. She wrote me and the rest is history. She offered me lots of advice and friendship. We mainly have been pen pals for about 40 years. She was so funny and very smart. She spoke of her daughter Beth and her grandchildren many times. I would tell her about my daughters and how I now have grandchildren. How the years have flown! She was a wonderful writer, not just in books, but in her letters. I loved hearing from her. Prayers to your family for the loss of this wonderful lady. She will be missed.

Judy M.

Cincinnati, OH

Judy L Merz - December 15, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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“ Dearest Aunt Flora, how we wish we could be there to honor you in person. We know our birthdays will never be the same without your cards that were always the first to arrive. And then came the fun of trying to decipher your handwriting so we could learn all the latest happenings in your amazing life. You could always make us laugh. We have so many fond thoughts of you that we will cherish forever and Dave will never forget his childhood memories with his sweet, sweet Aunt Flora.

Our heartfelt condolences to Beth and Kevin and your wonderful family.

We will miss you Aunt Flora. You will always be in our hearts.

Love, Dave and Cass DeGroot

Cassandra DeGroot - October 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ Janeace and Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flora Mary Speer.

Janeace and Bob - October 18, 2024 at 11:43 AM