



## Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops

April 25, 1940 - August 23, 2024

Shirley - Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops, 84, of Shirley, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2024 at the Highlands in Fitchburg.

Swanee was born on April 25, 1940 in Midland Park, NJ a daughter of the late Martin and Alyda (Jeffer) Van Veen she lived for several years in Ashburnham before moving to Shirley 11 years ago.

Swanee was an active member of her West Virginia church. In her younger years she belonged to the church choir, garden club, new comers club as well as the church ladies group. The role that she took the most pride in was as homemaker, wife, and mother of three wonderful sons and as a fun and active grandmother to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She leaves her husband of 63 years, Pieter Knoops of Shirley; three sons, Wayne S. Knoops and his wife, Jacqueline of Shirley, Robert J. Knoops and his wife, Paula of Daniels, WV and Peter D. Knoops and his wife Julianne of Tewksbury; a brother, William VanVeen of Yardley, PA; a sister, Marlene VanVeen of Doylestown, PA; seven grandchildren, Wayne Jr., Michelle, Peter, Emily, Hannah, Kelsey, and Tyler; four great-grandchildren, Ayla, Trent, Brett, and Logan, and many nephews and nieces.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, August 30, at 11 AM at the

Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer followed by a burial in the Center Cemetery in Shirley. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held Friday morning prior to the service from 10AM to 11AM. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

Brown Rd.  
Shirley, MA 01464

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

AUG 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Funeral Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

AUG 30 (ET)

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Brown Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Im sorry to read of Swanne's passing. My she be blessed in heaven in the light and surrounded by love. My condolences to Pieter and the family. Tina Ruhnau, Ashby.*

Tina Ruhnau - September 17, 2024 at 10:42 AM

AH

“ *1 file added to the album Swanee Knoops*



Anderson funeral home - September 11, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to Pieter, Wayne, Jacqui and family. I had the pleasure of meeting Swanee for a brief moment in time. During our time together, she would tell me stories (in her own special language, which I soon learned). As I listened, I saw how important it was for her to share her thoughts. Swanee was great at playing chair volleyball or balloon toss, how she loved the challenge of being the best! My favorite time of the day was when she would hold my hand as we walked, she would smile, hug me and tell me she loved me.*

*Oh, how she made my heart smile! I would like to think she left us all with her special gift of love and happiness..."Yuppie-Yuppie"*

*Diane  
Activities at Summit ElderCare*

Diane Welch - August 31, 2024 at 09:01 AM

WK

*Thank you so so much for caring for mom as if she were a part of your family. We couldn't be more thankful for all of you at Highlands. You made her last days days where she felt love and so much care. We are endlessly thankful. Much love to everyone who took part in moms care. God bless*

**Wayne Jacqui Knoops** - September 01, 2024 at 02:22 PM

WK

*Diane, the care at Summit was above and beyond what we could've hoped for. We were so blessed by you and so many who cared for her there. It was awesome that there were times she didn't want to leave because you all felt like family and friends to her. Thank you for blessing our mom. Thank you for going above and beyond. What you do is so important ❤️🙏*

**Wayne Jacqui Knoops** - September 02, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.



August 29, 2024 at 08:08 PM

WW

“ With Love from Michelle and Homecare WV purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.



**With Love from Michelle and Homecare WV** - August 29, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DK

“ Damackline K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.

Damackline K. - August 29, 2024 at 07:35 AM

JB

“ John and Barbara purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.



John and Barbara - August 28, 2024 at 10:40 AM

WK

“ Alzheimer’s didn’t steal her humor, her strength (ask anyone who took care of her 😊) or her love. She was saying “I love you” still even when she couldn’t make any other sentences. She could still say “I love you”.

Wayne Jacqui Knoops - August 27, 2024 at 10:58 PM

SC

“ Scott and Darlene Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.

Scott and Darlene Clark - August 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

SC

“ *Scott and Darlene Clark purchased the Rose Reembrance for the family of Swanee (VanVeen) Knoops.*



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**Scott and Darlene Clark** - August 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TA

“ *So very sorry for your loss . Swanee was such a sweet lady .Please know our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.*

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**Tina Aponte** - August 27, 2024 at 04:12 PM

WK

*You made her feel so good about herself, even in her last years. You patiently used your gift to show love ❤️ So blessed Blondie. Love you*

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**Wayne Jacqui Knoops** - August 27, 2024 at 11:01 PM

PK

*Sorry for your loss Wayne...prayers for your family.*

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**Patricia Krauchune** - August 29, 2024 at 06:51 PM

DD

*Sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers from the Demeo family*

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**Denise DeMeo** - August 30, 2024 at 10:37 AM