

IN MEMORY OF  
**SILVIA  
BROOKS  
(WASEM)**

**Obituary for Silvia Brooks (Wasem)**

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Silvia Brooks, age 82, of Mount Laurel, NJ, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26, 2022.

Silvia was born in Bern, Switzerland to the late Frederick and Rosa Wasem, and had resided in Willingboro, NJ before her current residence of over 39 years in Mt. Laurel. Silvia had many hobbies and loved being active in her community. She was the past President of The Swiss Club of the Jersey Shore, as well as an active board member of The Armed Forces Heritage Museum in Wrightstown, NJ. At events through the Armed Forces Heritage Museum, she retold the story of Howard, her husband who proudly served the US Navy aboard the USS Houston (CA-30) during WWII. Howard was then captured by Imperial Japanese forces and became a prisoner of war 3½ years, held in various POW camps, including the work camps of "Branch 5" in Burma along the Burma-Thailand Railway. The Full Story is located at <http://www.usshouston.org/>. But above all else, Silvia loved her family and spending time with them. She enjoyed traveling with Howard and family to many different locations. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, friend to many and will be very missed by all.

Silvia is predeceased by her husband, Howard E. Brooks. She is survived by her sons, Eugene Brooks (Lori - wife), and Jonathan Brooks (Esther - wife); sisters, Hilda, Doris, Ruth and Joann; and grandchildren, Alexis, Shelby, Zoe, Kevin, and Devon.

Relatives and friends are welcome to her visitation on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 2:00-3:00PM, and her memorial service immediately following at 3:00PM. Both will be held at Mount Laurel Home for Funerals, 212 Ark Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Silvia's memory may be made to The Armed Forces Heritage Museum at the following link:

<https://www.afhmus.org/donate-to-armed-forces-heritage-museum/>.