



## Mrs. Arleen Lester Cook

December 24, 1925 - March 15, 2020

Arleen Lester Cook, age 94, passed away peacefully at Lorien Assisted Living in Bel Air, MD to be with The Lord on Sunday, March 15, 2020. She was born December 24, 1925 in Brooklyn, NY to Harold and Tacie Lester. She later married Walter Cook on Saturday, January 31, 1948 in Brooklyn, NY who preceded her death in 1965. She grew up in Bay Ridge in Brooklyn, NY, went to school at Fort Hamilton High School and later attended, on a scholarship, to Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn where she majored in art.

Arleen was an accomplished artist, decorator, seamstress, gardener, and cook who loved making miniatures of all shapes and sizes. Her hands were rarely still! She loved history of all kinds especially the Colonial era. Much of her home was decorated, both inside and out, from this period and had a very special ability to make things come alive with her skills.

Although widowed at a relatively young age, she raised three (3) boys into manhood, worshiped and served in Central Presbyterian Church in Towson, MD and lived in her home for over 60 years. Two of her favorite Bible verses were "I have learned that whatever state I'm in to be content." (Philippians 4:11) and "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13).

Arleen is survived by her three (3) sons and their wives, Douglas and Lynn

Cook, Robert and Gretchen Cook, and Richard and Bonnie Cook. In addition, she had six (6) grandchildren, Shaun, Julie, Adam, Matt, Kirsten, and Jesse. In addition, she had eight (8 ) great grandchildren in addition to 3 nieces and nephews.

A private interment in Upperville, VA.

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date, details and location to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.