



Maureen Frances Kennedy Olson

March 27, 2025

Maureen F. Kennedy Olson died March 27, 2025, aged 83. Born and raised in Manhattan's UWS, she attended & graduated St Gregory the Great in 1954, St Michael's High School in 1958, Wood Secretarial School and attended Marymount Manhattan College.

Maureen moved with her parents to Leonia, NJ in her 20s, where she met, married, and later divorced Paul Olson, a police officer who rose to Lieutenant in the Leonia Police Dept. While raising 2 children, she worked in the administrative offices of Leonia Public Schools and Dwight Englewood. She also volunteered for the Girl Scouts and St. John the Evangelist School in Leonia.

Maureen was an Executive Administrative Assistant for various Senior Executives at the headquarter offices of Westvaco Corp in NY, NY and Stamford, CT for approximately 30 years.

Maureen moved to Morris County, NJ in 2007 to be near her daughter, most recently residing in Morristown. After retirement and until her death, she actively kept in touch with her former colleagues, neighbors, her friends, and her family. An advocate of politics, Maureen worked the voting polls representing Republicans. In 2024 she attended her first political rally.

Maureen is predeceased by her parents, Andrew and Marie (Scullen) Kennedy and her siblings, Thomas P., Patricia Moreno, Andrew Jr. (Sandy) as well as ex-husband Paul. She is survived by children, Anmarie O'Donnell (Paul) of Chatham, NJ & Paul M. Olson (Paula) & grandchildren Max, Olivia,

and Gabriella of Newtown Square, PA.

Visitation Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 4-8pm at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr., Tenafly, NJ. Funeral Friday, April 4, 2025, 10am at St. John the Evangelist Church, 470 Broad Ave, Leonia, NJ and burial following at The Fair Mount Cemetery, 233 Hillside Ave, Chatham, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia would be appreciated. <https://chop.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.personalCampaign&participantID=161295>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist RC Church
470 Broad Ave
Leonia, NJ 07605

Interment

APR 4 (ET)

Fair Mount Cemetery
233 Hillside Ave
Chatham, NJ 07928

Tribute Wall

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“ This news saddens me so much. Your Mom worked with my Dad at Westvaco for many years. Your Mom has known me from 6th grade on and I always considered her part of the family. I was grateful to have kept in touch with her via Facebook and telephone calls throughout the years even after my Dad's passing. I feel a chapter has truly closed from those connected with Westvaco and I will miss your Mom. Heaven certainly gained an Angel.

Richard Schmalz Jr - April 23, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“ It's been a long friendship. I'll never forget those meaningful conversations I had with Maureen on her front lawn on "the Ave". My plan was always to walk down to talk for 15 minutes, and so often an hour would pass. She was my friend, and with grateful tears I say "thank you, Maureen". It certainly was a long friendship and I will miss my friend as the warmer days arrive. Thank you, my friend, and God Bless.

Chris Simpson, Chatham NJ

Chris Simpson - April 02, 2025 at 07:45 PM