



Ursula I Solek

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Ursula Solek was born in Frankfurt July 2, 1933. Hitler took power in 1933 and she grew up in Germany during World War II. The family moved to the Black Forest when she was young to avoid most of the fighting and bombing in Germany. Her mother and father believed strongly in education and she and her two sisters were sent to school in spite of the war. Ursula was an excellent student and loved learning all her life. She especially loved Latin and learning other languages.

In 1954 she met her husband, Ed Solek, an enlisted man in the U.S. Army at the USO in Frankfurt. They were married in Frankfurt and made the transatlantic trip by ship to Newark, New Jersey. Ursula had three children with Ed: Susan, Betty, and Bob. Two of the children were born in Newark, NJ and the youngest, Bob, was born in Maple Shade, NJ. She was married for about eight years, and then separated and eventually divorced from Ed Solek. Betty is the sole survivor of this family. Ursula's sister and her daughter live near Frankfurt, Germany.

She moved to Moorestown, New Jersey with her three children and lived at Second and Union Street in Moorestown, NJ for 40 years. After she got to Moorestown she became involved in welfare rights organization. Someone

recognized her skills and talent as a potential lawyer during those organizational efforts. She returned to college, got her college degree at Rutgers and then went on to Rutgers Law School. During her time as a college student, she taught German at Friend's School in Moorestown. After graduating from Rutgers Law School, she was registered with the New Jersey bar and practiced law until her retirement. She worked for the State of NJ Public Defenders office and subsequently in her own law practice. She won a family law case before the NJ Supreme Court.

Ursula was a part of a number of churches in Moorestown, including the Quaker meeting and Baptist and Presbyterian churches. She found a long time home with the Unitarian church community in Cherry Hill. Her father was a journalist and writer over his lifetime. She was also a talented writer and had an interest in writing poetry. Her poem "What, finally, shall we say?" Can be found with a web search. Donations in her name can be made to Pinelands Preservation Alliance (pinelandsalliance.org) or Unitarian Universalist Faith Action of NJ (UULMNJ.org). Memorial gatherings are private. Contact Betty Solek (betzgirls@gmail.com).

Cemetery Details

SERVICES & INTERMENT PRIVATE

Tribute Wall



“ *Ursula I Solek*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Ursula I Solek*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ursula was such an intelligent, interesting, and passionate debater. I really enjoyed our discussion and book groups. She was strong, and survived a great deal. Never dwelling on the past; seldom talking about herself. She was fierce about Social Justice and making Right in the world. Grateful to have known her...Cathie Albair*

Catherine Albair - April 14, 2018 at 07:15 PM



Ms Solek was always so very kind to me. Her son and I were both on the wrestling team at middle school. Although she was not a person of means at the time, she frequently invited me for dinner. What a wonderful person !

Frederick Floyd MD - November 02, 2025 at 07:50 PM