



## Yvonne Oaks

January 12, 1920 - February 27, 2021

Yvonne (Jenny) Oaks passed away of natural causes on Saturday, February 27, at 101 years young. She was the beloved wife of Stephen Oaks, married 67 years until he passed in 2009. Jenny and Steve ran Ritter's Grocery on South 3rd Street in Hudson for over 20 years, from the 1960s through the 1980s. She loved reading, watching movies, and especially going places and learning new things. She leaves behind a daughter, Susan Oaks (Hudson and Saratoga Springs NY), a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lorraine Oaks (Dover Plains NY), a niece, Yvonne Washburn (John, Dalton MA), and three nephews, Edward Ritter (Mary, Coral Springs, FL), Charles Trover (Beverly, Sherwood, OR) and Steve Huckaba (Nancy, Mattoon, IL). She was predeceased by her husband Stephen, parents John and Theodozia (Kowal) Fletutor, and siblings Mary Ritter, Charles Fletutor, and Michael Fletutor.

Yvonne was a lifelong resident of Hudson who could talk about the city of old. As a child, she went to shows at the Park Playhouse and saw the first talking movie from the gallery. She enjoyed the vaudeville shows that tried out in the city before moving to New York. And she remembered the city closing Columbia Street hill in the winter for children to sled, and peddlars who came through the city in the summer selling ice and produce from their carts. She lived in a house that had the last flush outhouse in the city and, as a child, thought that the residents of Diamond Street must be special, as they had a local merchant delivering dresses to their doors. Although she could talk about

the past, she was firmly grounded in the present, learning how to use an iPhone and Facetime at 100, and living her 101 years with curiosity, vigor, thoughtfulness, and kindness.

Services will be private. Donations may be made to St. Michael's Church, Hudson, NY, or The American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Nicola Marae Allain lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Oaks*



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**Nicola Marae Allain** - March 06, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Yvonne Oaks.*



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March 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Marie Pennucci lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Oaks*



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**Marie Pennucci** - March 04, 2021 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Himanee Gupta-Carlson lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Oaks*



Himanee Gupta-Carlson - March 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *If you lived in the 3rd Street area of Allen and Union Streets you would have frequented the store called Ritters, at one time ran by Mike and Mary Ritter, when they retired Steve and Jennie Oaks took over. I grew up in that area and have so many many fond memories of them. Stories Jenny would tell me about her daughter Susan when she away at school, and how good it was to see Susan when she came home. It was a special feeling when you went into the store where “everyone knows your name”. I will keep those fond memories tucked away in a special place, my heart. Susan, David and your families, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Carol Rouse*

Carol Rouse-Lewicki - March 01, 2021 at 07:41 AM

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Susan Oaks - February 28, 2021 at 12:19 PM