



Sara J. Reed

June 9, 2022

Sara J. Reed, 82, passed away peacefully at Brethren Village on Thursday, June 9, 2022 after a brief illness.

Born in Martic Township, Lancaster County, PA., she was the daughter of the late Carl M. and Grace Stokes Henry and widow of Lamar A. Reed who died on November 12, 2015.

Sara was an active member of Otterbein United Methodist Church since March 1968, where she volunteered at Kid's night, helped with Attic Treasurers and contributed to many church activities. She was well known as the "Cookie Lady," due to her famous chocolate chip cookies.

A graduate of Millersville University in 1961, she taught History at Ephrata Middle School for over 30 years. She enjoyed spending time at Bethany Beach, Delaware, sewing and knitting, but most of all supporting her grandchildren in all that they did.

She is survived by her son, William Lamar Reed, husband to Sherry Reed, Willow Street, her three grandchildren, Tyler, Kaitlyn, and Jeremy, her sister, Ruth Sheaffer and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Sara's Memorial Service at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 East Clay Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. with The Rev. Jonette Gay officiating. Interment will take place at Conestoga Memorial Park. The family will receive friends and family at the Church on June 18, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 E. Clay Street, Lancaster, PA 17602

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Otterbein United Methodist Church
20 E. Clay Street
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ I worked in the Ephrata Middle School after Sara had retired, but I heard her name frequently! Later, when I retired, I got to meet her at our monthly dinners. She was such a positive and outgoing person and I really enjoyed seeing her on those occasions. She will be missed.

Robin Stryker - June 18 at 06:56 PM

HP

“ I had an opportunity to know Sara during the early 1970s when she was teaching at Ephrata Junior High School and I was a school counselor. I have very fond memories of her warm and caring nature. She really valued her students and worked hard to help them learn. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Diane Penschansky

H. Diane Penschansky - June 13 at 09:32 PM



“ Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Sara J. Reed.



June 12 at 04:56 PM

CK

“ From 1974 until she retired in the mid 90s, Sara and I taught across the hall from each other and served on the same team. For 20 years I checked in with her every time we had to hand out piles of forms to see how she was doing it so I didn't forget anything. She was my mentor in so many things. After her retirement, she invited me and other colleagues to dinner monthly and every summer we met for our Leo lunch (as we both had August birthdays.) I am sorry to lose a wonderful friendship that goes back nearly 50 years and am also sorry that obligations I can't reschedule will prevent me from giving my condolences personally to her family on Saturday.
Connie Kirby

Connie Kirby - June 12 at 04:36 PM

VP

“ Dear family of Sara,
So sorry for your loss and am praying for your peace and comfort. To me, Sara, was such a wonderful person and held a warm place in my heart. She shared her cookie recipes with me and was so proud of Tyler, Kaitlyn and Jeremy. Sara often told me about Tyler at Stevens Trade School and then how he got such a great job in York. She shared that Kaitlyn was studying to be lawyer (and how she had gotten a scholarship due to her volleyball skills) and that if Sara did not call her over the weekend, Kaitlyn would call her. I remember when Sara would help Jeremy when he was in elementary school and now he is in high school and great football player. I spoke with Sara on the phone right before her house was listed for sale. We talked for quite awhile and I told her how special she was to me. I moved to NY in July 2020, and am sorry to miss her service. Sincerely, Vicki Perella

Vicki Perella - June 12 at 01:53 PM



Thank you for your kind words and memories! She will truly be missed!

Sherry Reed - June 15 at 07:39 PM

KR

“ Our warmest thoughts and prayers are with Sara's family and friends.

Sara was so kind and thoughtful to all her many students over the years as well as those of us who were lucky enough to teach with her at the Ephrata Junior High/Middle School.

Thank you Sara for always thinking of and being there for others.

Kevin & Diane Robinson

Kevin Robinson - June 12 at 10:28 AM



Thank you.

Sherry Reed - June 15 at 07:40 PM

DE

“ Dear Family of Sara J. Henry Reed,

I met Sara when we were students at McCaskey High School, Class of 1957. She was a very good student and ever so kind, with a wonderful outlook on life. Despite the loss you will all feel, she leaves with all of us the gift of compassion, capable leadership and wonderful memories.

Sending deepest sympathy,

*Deborah Benson Everett
North Andover, MA*

Deborah Benson Everett - June 12 at 10:27 AM



Thank you Deborah, she will be missed by so many people.

Sherry Reed - June 15 at 07:41 PM

“ Dear William, Sherry, Tyler, Kaitlyn, Jeremy and Ruth:

I first met Mrs. Reed in the fall of 1977 when I was assigned to her homeroom at Ephrata Junior High School. The transition, at least at that time, from elementary school to junior high was a significant transition and Sara made that transition easy and encouraging. From the first, she was a woman of rare, unique and authentic friendliness, kindness and understanding. I have never forgotten her and I learned much from her that has served me well in life.

Our paths did not cross again until Wednesday, when I made brief visit with her. Even though I was wearing a mask, she gave a little smile and whispered, “I remember you.” Much like what happened when I first met her in 1977, my heart melted. Even as life was ebbing away from her, kindness and love flowed from her like a mighty river.

The angels reclaimed one of their own when Sara left us. Although this world will miss her, the light she lit and passed on to students and all who were blessed with crossing paths with her will continue to glow. My prayer is that we'll all share her light as she shared it with us.

Thank you for sharing your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and sister with us. We are all the better and richer for it.

May many fond memories give you comfort, peace and strength as you mourn her loss. Sara's many students and friends are lifting you all up in prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

*John N. Snader. Alumnus
Homeroom 76
Ephrata Junior High School*

John N. Snader - June 12 at 08:29 AM



John, I'm glad you had the opportunity to see her before her passing. When I mentioned your name to her, she said yes I remember him. She was so looking forward to your visit!

Sherry Reed - June 15 at 07:37 PM

SM

“ Mrs. Reed was my social studies teacher in 7th grade at Ephrata Junior High. Being new to a large school, she was a bright spot and always had a smile and lots of energy for our class.

It was wonderful to hear her and Mrs. Kirby share at Mr. Espenshade's funeral a few years ago.

Stu Metzler - June 12 at 07:39 AM



Thank you for the great memory!

Sherry Reed - June 15 at 07:42 PM