



Artemis H. Heiselman

March 3, 2021

Artemis H. Heiselman, 97, of Lancaster, PA, died at Oak Leaf Manor on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Alexander G. and Mary Raptapolus Finalli.

Artemis graduated from Millersville University, Class of 1969 at the age of 46. She spent 19 years as an educator at Bowmansville Elementary School, (Elanco School District), teaching Third Grade. She was a member of the Safe Harbor United Methodist Church and volunteered for the Office of the Aging.

Reading, playing Scrabble and cards, playing volleyball and tennis were of great interest to her, especially tennis. She had the good fortune to see Wimbledon and traveled on the Concorde and Queen Elizabeth II. Her travels took her six times to Greece. She was known as a frugal person and delighted in meaningful conversations with everyone she met and knew.

She is survived by two sons: John Heiselman (Dawn), Middletown, and Lawrence Hoefler (Lucia), Del Rio, TX, grandchildren: Lisa Connelly (Joe), Dover, PA and Gilbert Hoefler, Guadalajara, Mexico, and great-grandchildren: Aidan and Logan Connelly. She was preceded in death by her brother, Nick Raptapolus and her husband, John F. Heiselman.

A Graveside Service for Artemis will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at

11:00 a.m. at the Lancaster Cemetery, 205 E. Lemon Street, Lancaster, with the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Rimert officiating. The family will make available the Graveside Service by Tribucast beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/98207626>.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Artemis' memory may be sent to Safe Harbor United Methodist Church, 3687 River Road, Conestoga, PA 17516.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lancaster Cemetery
205 E. Lemon Street
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Artemis H. Heiselman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *What a wonderful, long life that Aunt Agnes lived. She was an example for us to see the world and enjoy life. I will always remember her rice pudding she would bring to the family reunions. Rest in peace with Uncle John. Love Larry Galen and Wife Dee too.*

Larry Galen - March 11, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Artemis made me laugh a lot and she really enjoyed learning about your life and sharing her life stories. She was spunky and had a great sense of humor! I will miss her sweet smile every day. I'm glad I had the honor of meeting her and having her in my life.*

Laurie Van Aulen - March 09, 2021 at 02:22 PM



She will be dearly missed. It was a year ago on March 9th 2020 that I last played pinochle with her and friends.....this pandemic robbed us of ongoing friendships. I just talked with her the end of February so glad we chatted one last time. We played cards, danced together, played volleyball for many years and tennis. I cherish the irreplaceable memories. I love her forever....

Dianne mathias - March 11, 2021 at 07:42 AM

DK

“*Artemis was such a ray of sunshine! She lived across the hall from my mother at Oak Leaf Manor and was such a good friend to her. The two played Scrabble almost every evening together and I thank God for her presence in my mother's life. She seemed to have a good attitude about death, and instead of saying "After I die..." she would say, "When I go to heaven..." and that is surely where she is now.*

Deena Kinsky - March 08, 2021 at 04:51 PM

VK

“*I was saddened to read about the loss of Artemis H. Heiselman. My deepest sympathies go out to the entire family. I, Mrs. Kahler, taught with Aggie at Brecknock Elementary School. In fact when I started teaching 3rd grade, in 1986, I was the new kid on the block. There were only three of us, and she was one of my guides/mentors that first year. If my memory serves me correctly, I think I inherited all of her teaching supplies when she retired. That was before all of the renovations that took place at Brecknock! Being the newbie, I truly appreciated her guidance and supplies. I remember her energetic and frugal character. Aggie left a lasting impression! When I think of her, it brings a smile to my face and warmth to my heart! She will be remembered fondly!!*

Vickie L. Kahler - March 08, 2021 at 03:45 PM

RH

“*John, I remember meeting your mother at COB...what's a hoot :) really enjoyed talking to her! And I was shocked to see how much you looked like her! Only regret is that we didn't get to talk to her more!
Take care, my friend and know you are in our prayers...*

Roberta Hoch - March 08, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JS

“ Our family sends sincere sympathy to family and friends for your loss. We only just met Artemis last June at Oak Leaf through her open friendship to our family member. Artemis left a lasting impression with her lively conversation and ease in making friends. She will forever be a role model to us in that respect. She was a gracious friend, spirited woman and honorary Aunt. Yassou Artemiscia. We'll miss your smiling warm heart.

Jody Stewart - March 07, 2021 at 05:11 PM

TM

“ Mrs. Heiselman always remembered all her former students and loved us all as if we were her own. (I was in her 1986 third grade class.) I don't believe that I have ever met anyone else who has had as much energy, zest and love for life as she did. I am sure she is up in Heaven reading stories to the children while wearing her gold slippers, just like she did when she would tell stories to us in class.

Tara Myers - March 07, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DF

“ So many memories shared with her in Lancaster and at school. She was my elementary teacher and spent time with her in Lancaster at her home. Beautiful lady that taught me kindness and love for everyone. Rest in peace and thanks for the memories. A former student from Brecknock, Donna

Donna (jenks) firestine - March 07, 2021 at 07:43 AM

RS

I'm so blessed to have known Artemis. We talked daily and shared our lives. I will miss her terribly and I know she'll be waiting for me to join her when our Lord takes me home too. I love you Artemis and am so happy you have a new body and playing tennis once more.

Romaine Sallee - March 07, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JZ

Though Artemis was my mother's (Emily Hardnele - Johnson) aunt, we all knew her as Aunt Agnus. I always looked forward to the annual family reunion/picnic in Lancaster, and getting a chance to chat with Artemis, she was such a positive, outgoing member of our family. I'm fortunate that our paths in life crossed, and I'll cherish my memories of her fantastic smile that made me smile along with her. My sincere condolences to the rest of our family for the loss of our loved one. Aunt Agnus was truly a good soul.

Joseph Zahn - March 07, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JZ

*Agnes and my Mom Theresa Wimer Zander were friends since childhood. I will always remember her spunk. RIP
John Zander*

John Zander - March 07, 2021 at 01:59 PM



Stacey
Remick

Oh Artemis. Although I saw you rarely, you always made me laugh. I will never forget you telling me how you liked "my necklace, and my shirt, and my smile, and my face." and dancing with you at the annual meeting. You were certainly one of a kind, in such a great way.

Stacey Remick - March 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM

MR

She made going to school fun I let alot of people from Brecknock know about this .They were deeply sorry and very well reminded of her and she was .I saw her 3 years ago at Mr Donors funeral and she tapped me on the shoulder after close to 45 years she remembered me.My condolences to the family ,she was truely one of a kind

mark rabold - March 09, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JG

“ Mrs. Heiselman was my teacher in third grade at Brecknock Elementary School, and we have kept in touch ever since then...for the last 35 years! She was truly one of the most amazing people I have ever met and I think I learned more from her than from any one other person. The way she loved and cared for people was and remains an inspiration to me. I will miss our visits and phone chats and Scrabble games. My six kids will miss their chats with her when she called, too! I'll never forget you, Mrs. H!



Jody Greve - March 06, 2021 at 10:29 PM