



Charlotte McKelvey Cassel

February 12, 2016

Charlotte McKelvey Cassel died Friday, February 12, 2016 at Lancaster General Hospital. She was the wife of the late W. Morris Cassel, with whom she celebrated 67 years of marriage in 2006.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a daughter of the late Irma B. and Ralph McKelvey, Sr.

A graduate of Temple University in music education, she had a thirty-three year career as alto soloist in several Germantown churches, including twenty-one years at First United Methodist Church of Germantown. She was a member of the church for fifty years and was active in the United Methodist Women and served as financial secretary. After moving to the Willow Valley Communities in Lancaster in 1985, she joined St. James Episcopal Church where, for several years, she sang in the choir and served on the offering committee.

Mrs. Cassel is survived by two daughters: Jean M., wife of D. Bruce Campbell, of Painted Post, New York, and Ruth A., wife of Miles K. Hoffman of Lake Zurich, Illinois; a son, William R., husband of Lillian N. Cassel, of Villanova, Pennsylvania; five grandsons, and nine great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Jean Harland, of Philadelphia, and a brother, Ralph McKelvey, Jr. of Lafayette Hill, PA.

The funeral service and interment will be private. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Willow Valley Manor, 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17602. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the St. James Anchorage Breakfast Club, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlotte McKelvey Cassel*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am saddened by the passing of Charlotte Cassel whom I had come to know and love and deeply appreciated her gentleness and wisdom. My condolences to her family, especially to her niece, Sue Zuke and her husband Brad whom I know through St. John's Episcopal church. Your Aunt Charlotte was dear to my heart. Soon after one of Charlotte's hospitalization, I saw her busy helping in the library and I stopped to chat and ask how it was that she was already back to volunteering. She inspired me with her philosophy related to living; that is, accepting your limitations and being responsible to do what you can do. Charlotte loved things simple with a touch of eloquence. I will miss her appreciation of the displays that I create with the changing seasons. She especially loved a picture of a canoe by a beautiful lake which reminded her of summer and many happy times in years past. When my husband, Ed, was in healthcare, Charlotte provided an hour private piano concert for him. I shall long remember her coming at 100 years of age to Ed's memorial service in January 2016 and walking to the altar for communion unassisted. I shall miss you dear Charlotte. I am holding your family in sacred space for healing and peace, Lois Kelley*



Lois Kelley - March 05, 2016 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ Grandmom Charlotte was a gentle and loving soul. I remember visiting her and Granddad for the first time while dating her grandson Eric and she took me around the Willow Valley apartment sharing the back story of all her "little pitchers" (lol). She enjoyed hearing the details of our day to day lives, activities of our children, and our dreams for the future. I will always smile when I think of the thank you notes I would send and in return she would write a thank you note for the thank you note....in perfect penmanship! We are forever grateful for the wonderful day we shared with Grandmom to mark her 100th birthday. She smiled, she played the piano, she took a selfie, and she spent the day with family and friends. You will forever be missed Grandmom but always in our hearts. Deepest sympathies to Jean, Ruth, and Bill. May you find comfort and peace knowing your parents are together again.

Jessica Cassel - February 20, 2016 at 07:35 PM

DC

“ We always enjoyed our visits with Grandmom. She would invite us to have lunch in her apartment. She would make sure she had grape jelly for Ashley and peanut butter for David. And Heather always enjoyed the cut up carrot sticks she prepared. Ashley would play the piano for her, which she really enjoyed. At her birthday party, Ashley and Heather enjoyed hearing the story of how Granddad proposed to Grandmom. She'll be missed and fondly thought of often. Peace and love to all of her family and friends. Grandmom lived a wonderful life and touched so many.

Dawn Cassel - February 20, 2016 at 08:43 AM

BS

“Charlotte possessed a sweet soul. A charming and gracious lady, she was so gifted and shared that beauty with us. I knew her such a short time yet her smile...her Light was bright and gentle and embracing from the first.

The photo you chose captures that "Charlotte look" and brings me a smile.

May she forever rest in the Loving Embrace of Christ. Barbara Seras

Barbara Seras - February 18, 2016 at 06:17 AM

MC

“I first met Mrs. Cassel 55 years ago when I was a college student and my brother was dating Jean, Mrs. Cassel's oldest child. Over the years since I was frequently a guest in her home including her apartment at Willow Valley. I extend my sympathy to Jean, Bruce, Ruth, Miles, Bill and Boots. When we lose our parent we lose a life line. Age, ours or theirs, does not make this loss any easier. Time, love, and memories will ultimately heal the hurt.

Margaret A. Campbell, West Lebanon, NH

Margaret Campbell - February 16, 2016 at 08:33 PM

AE

“I send my deepest sympathy to all of Charlotte's family. What a delightful and vibrant person she was and I found her to be an inspiration to know. She will be missed but I carry in my heart having known her and she will not be forgotten. It was a joy to have had her for a neighbor. Adrienne Ehle

Adrienne Ehle - February 16, 2016 at 02:01 PM