



Dorcas Van Schaick

November 3, 2014

Dorcas S. Van Schaick, 89, of Lancaster, PA died at her home on Sunday, November 2, 2014. Born in East Hebron, New Hampshire, she was the daughter of the late Manson B. and Evelyn Scott Smith and was married 39 years to the late Robert I. Van Schaick who died in 1986.

She was a graduate of Lesley College. Dorcas was a Kindergarten teacher in Massachusetts and New Jersey prior to raising her family.

Dorcas was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Lititz, PA and a member of PEO. Prior to moving to Lancaster she lived in Center Valley, PA where she volunteered at Wiley House, St. Luke's Hospital, and Historic Bethlehem – Gundy House and was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Susan V. wife of Bruce Phelps of Morganton, NC and Margaret Van Schaick of Zionsville, PA, a son, Rev. James R. husband of Gillian Van Schaick of Baldwin, NY, eight grandchildren: David, Robert, Timothy, Austin and Sara Van Schaick, Jennifer Adamson, Bethany and Kristen Phelps and one great grandchild, Hayden Phelps. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sara S. Chisholm and a brother, M. Parker Smith.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. (corner of Orange & Pine Sts) Lancaster from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and then again at the church on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. A private family interment will take place in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, PA.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Faith United Methodist Church, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorcas Van Schaick*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *It was certainly my pleasure to be able to get to know Dorcas and serve her in these past few weeks. I enjoyed hearing her stories of growing up, and raising her family. It brought a smile to my face when her family would call and how she would brighten up. She was so kind, gentle, caring and such an encouraging lady. I am certainly better for having known her, I only wish I had had more time to spend with her. My condolences to each of her family.*

Dawn Areford - November 10, 2014 at 12:06 AM



“ *I will always remember Dorcas as a very gracious, caring and fun-loving woman with a New England accent, who always enjoyed telling stories of her family.*

Dorcas and I spent many nights in conversation about anything and everything, and to my benefit, she was a very good listener.

Always the "Hostess with the Mostest", Dorcas was always putting others needs before her own up until her passing.

I will miss my dear friend, but her memory will live on...

Michele Shaffer - November 05, 2014 at 05:41 PM