



Dorothea "Corky" Corcoran Hartman

July 16, 2018

Dorothea "Corky" Corcoran Hartman, 95, of Willow Street, died peacefully on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Willow Valley Lakes. Born in Tadcaster, Yorkshire, England, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Ethel Agnes Trimming Corcoran. She was married for 53 years to the late John H. Hartman who died in 2009.

Corky was educated at the Bar Convent in York, England and Convent of Sacred Heart in Filey, Yorkshire, England. She proudly served in the Women's Royal Naval Service in England. She founded the Corky Hartman School of Cookery and operated The Sous Chef Restaurant on Orange Street in Lancaster.

An avid volunteer, she served on the Crippled Children of Lancaster Board and volunteered at the Friends of Hospice and Community Care. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and former member of the Lancaster Country Club and the Hamilton Club. In addition to her love of cooking, Corky's hobbies included needlework, sewing and playing golf.

Corky is survived by two sons, Timothy M. Hartman, husband of Louise Cram, Pennington, NJ, and G. Mitchell Hartman, husband of Sandra, Roseland, NJ; two daughters, Jill, wife of John Trask, Swans Island, ME and Pamela, wife of George DeAlth, Kalamazoo, MI; four grandsons: Jon C. Hartman, Ethan

Trask, Jonathon and Christopher Hartman, and five granddaughters, Emma and Lucinda Trask, Shelley DeAlth Leonard, Hillary Hartman and Shannon Hartman Theobald. Corky had five great-grandchildren, Nicola and Gideon Trask, Evie and Brooke Leonard and Nia Ward. Corky was preceded in death by a son, Ian Mitchell Hartman.

A celebration to commemorate Corky's life will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Thomas Auditorium of Willow Valley Lakes, Willow Street, PA with The Reverend Glenn D. Miller officiating. A private interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Corky's name to the Lancaster Conservancy, 117 South West End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Thomas Auditorium at Willow Valley Lakes
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea "Corky" Corcoran Hartman*

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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 10, 2018 at 08:12 AM



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Jennifer G Mann - July 24, 2018 at 12:23 PM

BM

“ My sincere condolences to the family of one great lady. My maiden name was Beverly Shutt and I lived in Hessdale. I had the pleasure of knowing John and Corky and babysat their five children in their home. I pray that God places a healing hand on all of Corky's loved ones at this time of grief. She is in a better place and will be watching over each and every one of you. Was also very sad to see that Ian passed away. God bless.



Beverly Martin - July 22, 2018 at 11:23 AM

DB

“ Dear Tim, Jill, Pam, and Mitch,
Your mom was a special person, and a friend to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. My sincere condolences to you and your families.
Dan Browning

Dan Browning - July 19, 2018 at 08:33 AM

AT

“ Tim, Jill, Pam, and Mitch - I have so many fond memories of your Mother and your Dad, and you guys. I can't relate them here, but she was always so accepting and fun and what a great cook! And I was always smitten by that accent. Your place in Strasbourg was incredible. We had free reign! Pam, I haven't seen you for years but you were my bond to your Mom. And that is a beautiful photo of her. Jill I so enjoyed seeing you on my visit to Lancaster. I loved Aunt Corky! May she rest in peace. She lived a good long life. I have some of JB's family films with party scenes in Strasbourg, but can't post them here.
Love to you all,
Anne Eshelman Thurston

Anne Eshelman Thursotn - July 18, 2018 at 09:22 PM

NR

“ My wife, Nan wanted to share some memories. Corky worked with her at StJames @ the Anchorage program, where they with many others helped to feed the less fortunate breakfast everyday (Thursday). I can remember playing a Straub Cup. Golf match against Jack Hartman, I believe the same summer as when LosAngeles hosted the Olympics. He recounted the conversations he had with Harrison Ford, and the lack of Harrison's negotiating skills, when he said OK to Jack's weekly rental \$\$\$ demands , while Harrison was in Lancaster to film the movie Witness. Before the "truth" got out, some people in Lancaster thought that Jack and Corky were getting divorced when they "moved out"... to make room for Harrison! memories also of caddying for Jack@LCC, and taking \$\$\$ off Mitch on the same golf course! Brad&nan reynolds

Nan & Brad Reynolds - July 18, 2018 at 07:23 PM

SC

“ corky was our neighbor and friendshe lived across the street from us on Shippen st""""it is hard to put into words what she meant to me and our family, but she was like a second mother to my gang.....when Kim moved to lancaster Corky was the first person to welcome her and remained a great friend until we moved away.....we will never forget her spirit in our lives.....much love from kim and steve cherry

steve cherry - July 18, 2018 at 04:51 PM

JM

Tim, Jill, Pam, Mitch - We all loved your mom. Ward of course loved her the longest, but she sincerely and warmly welcomed me into her circle when I met Ward, and our kids when they came along. She was the driving force behind Barbara's service when she passed away. We will miss Corky's candid nature and enthusiasm for life. Would send you each a card but your mom is who we'd call for that information. Love to all of you,
Jen and Ward Mann

Jennifer G Mann - July 24, 2018 at 11:16 AM

MW

Dear Tim, Jill, Pam, and Mitch... What a loss to you and the community. Your mother and father were friends of my parents (Dick and Sarah Wagner), and I know they are all having fun together. My mother enjoyed cooking with Cookie, also -- what zest and spirit she had. Thinking of all the Hartmans during this tender time, and sending all of you comfort. Your mother is missed.

Margaret Wagner - July 25, 2018 at 05:10 PM



To the Hartman family,
I must tell you that I wrote not one but two of my memories of your dear, wonderful mother, Corky! But I didn't get to send them as I somehow hit the wrong key and they went off into never never land. But with Corey's fine tuned wit, she would have said...."it's quite alright Ducky"!

I First met your mother at Kitty Browns garden party many years ago. I had heard of her, so I was delighted to be at Corkys table. It was the start of a long friendship, as the old Irish farmers daughter and the sophisticated Corky became good and close friends down through the years.

One Christmas later on, she knocked at my door. She was SO INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT MAKING FRESH DECORATIONS FOR THE DOOR AND THE LIVING AND DINING ROOMS. I welcomed her with open arms.

That was many years ago, around the time they wer moving into the house out in the Strasburg countryside....(the one where Harrisso Ford lived in for awhile).

In a sweet warm way, she was ny nentor. By that I mean that I learned from her. We got really involved in the NEW. Hospice movement, and, she was determined to help us raise funds. We often talked about our very first LIGHHT UP A LIGHT event when she brought the Hartman Silver trays and we pulled up our rugs to make it look lovely! Later we went to paper cups and whatever we could fit in the car, because we wanted itto be

'Inviting, but plain as pikestaff' so we could raise more money!!! Mutual good friends Heike and Elaine played a big part, and it worked. Look at the way Hospice has grown from those old days around 1984. Thank you Corky.

Now, I have a story to tell and it's a lovely one.....

Dorothea (Corky) Corcoran and her family had a lovely hotel near York, in the County of Yorkshire, England. It was near the end of World War 2. On that eventful day Corky was off "doing her part in the 'War Effort' by driving a big Jeep-like truck wirh other young women on their volunteering duty, and she would still be on night duty that night.

The hotel was one of those places where visitors were treated to a blazing fire in the hearth in the Entry Hall. One evening, in the winter, two young men who were in the United States Army had a day off from their duties at the nearby Base. One was a young man whose name is lost to history, and the other young mans name was Jack. He was tall, lanky lad with an easygoing grace. When they entered the hotel, a woman (Corkys mother) cane to welcome them, and she asked them to sit by the fire while she brought them a drink. They did, and as

*Jack looked around, he noticed a painting over the fireplace. He looked again, and again, and during a chat as they sipped the 'drop o'the Scotch', Curious now, Jack asked, and THESE WERE HIS WORDS! "And could you tell e, WHO IS THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE PAINTING"? And before the day was over, he told Mrs Corcoran "I am going to marry your daughter"
And he did.*

Jack told e this story many times, while Corky stood by saying "Now Jack, we've heard all that before" and then they exchanged a loving smile .

GodspeedCorky, you very best of humankind.

Noreen Wint and family, Denver, Colorado.

Noreen Wint - August 29, 2018 at 03:32 PM