



Dorothy Rineer

February 25, 2013

Dorothy M. Rineer, 93, of Lititz, PA, a trailblazing Executive Secretary of the Woodstream Corporation of Lititz, PA for almost 35 years, died Saturday, February 23, 2013. A spitfire of a woman, she was the first woman in the company to travel on business. After seeing a photo in Vogue magazine for a pantsuit, she made her own without a pattern and wore it to the office, where women were required to wear skirts. The following day, an office memo declared that women could wear pantsuits.

Born in Lancaster, PA on September 25, 1919, Dottie graduated from J. P. McCaskey High School in 1938 in Lancaster's first gender-integrated class of students and continued her education at Lancaster Business School.

She was preceded in death by husband Charles E. Rineer, who died in 1985; parents, Mary Elizabeth (Kohler) and Howard J. Schwartz; brother, John A. Schwartz; and sister, June Schwartz Maharg Ebbert.

The center of a close family, she is survived by her daughter, Dr. Carla M. Rineer and her companion, Howard J. Miller, Jr. (Lancaster), and her granddaughter Tara (Ritter) Poag and her spouse, Andrew J. Poag (Philadelphia), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Her friends and family will always treasure her for her high spirits,

determination, and drive. She loved sports, playing baseball for the Northern Lights during World War II and high school field hockey. Her favorite time of year was baseball season, when she watched her beloved Philadelphia Phillies.

She was a member of Lititz Moravian Church, as well as the Lititz American Business Club, where she was involved in numerous theater productions. She was also dedicated to her personal writing, penning letters to friends and family across the country and in Ireland, and keeping a daily journal since 1976.

The shock registered by so many people when they hear of her passing stands as a testament to her zest for life. A stubborn force of nature to the end, we are all proud to say she was ours.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend Dottie's Memorial Service on Friday, March 1, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 West Orange Street (corner of West Orange and Pine streets) with Rev. Dean Jurgen officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service. There will be a private family interment at Machpelah Cemetery, Lititz, PA.

To celebrate her love of the family dogs, Zelda and Sabine, contributions may be made in Dottie's memory to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Rineer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dot was an amazing person, in work, family, and life. We think of her smile and laughter at family Thanksgiving dinners past. Carla, Tara, and Andrew you have been constantly on our minds during the two weeks since Dot's passing. We know from personal experience that the feelings of loss will always be present though your personal knowledge of and memories of times spent with Dot will eventually replace anguish with the warmth of yours and Dot's love for one another.*

Joe Brannen & John Klomp - March 09, 2013 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dorothy will truly be missed by all of her many friends and work family here at Woodstream Corporation. She was had quite a zest for life! Our condolences are with the family. Sincerely, Woodstream Corporation.*

Woodstream Corporation - March 04, 2013 at 09:52 AM



“ *I can hear her voice and her laughter.
Her sparkle continues in the wonderful, lovely women who are her daughter and granddaughter.
Much love and sympathy,
Beth*

Beth - February 27, 2013 at 04:34 PM

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“ *Carla, Howard, Tara, and Andrew,*

We were so sorry to hear about Dorothy's passing. I only met her once or twice, but know that she was a wonderful person, and that she accomplished so much in her lifetime. I am sure that she will be missed by many people, but will live on in their many fond memories of her.

We wanted you to know that we are thinking about you all during this difficult time.

If there is anything at all that we can do, please don't hesitate to let us know.

We've been wanting to get together with you and Howard, but will wait to hear from you.

Love, Cindy and Bill

Cindy Libhart - February 26, 2013 at 05:56 AM