



## Edith Mae Schaum

June 14, 2025

Edith Mae Shaum (Specht), of Lancaster, PA, went home to be with the Lord on her 105th birthday. Born in Jacobs Creek, PA, Edith was the loving daughter of the late Cort P. and Laverne (Craven) Specht. She was a proud graduate of Donora High School in Western Pennsylvania.

Edith was the beloved wife of the late Robert W. Shaum. Their love story began in the eighth grade and blossomed into 82 years of marriage marked by deep devotion, laughter, and faith. Together, they retired to Myrtle Beach in 1982 and later returned to their cherished Lancaster community in 2009.

She was the devoted mother of Paula Smith and the late Robert W. Shaum, Jr., and is survived by her daughter-in-law, Shirley Shaum. Edith was the loving grandmother of Diane Pappas and her husband Gregory.

Edith enjoyed a full and vibrant life. She worked as a machine operator for Warner-Lambert (later Pfizer/Johnson) from 1958 until her retirement in 1981. A woman of deep faith and service, she was a longtime member of St. Philips Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach, where she was active in various ministries including the altar guild.

She had a remarkable sense of humor—witty, wicked, and always finding joy in the everyday. Edith loved sewing, crafting with friends, golfing, and

entertaining. She celebrated every holiday with flair, hosted legendary family card parties, and was known for her extraordinary skills in the kitchen. Her pie dough was unmatched, and her homemade apple dumplings were a family favorite.

Edith's legacy is one of love, laughter, and faith—a life beautifully lived and dearly cherished.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Edith's Funeral Service at Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery  
10 Delp Road  
Lancaster, PA

## Funeral Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
10 Delp Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Paula and family,

*We fondly remember Bob and Edith Mae from our time at Valleybrook. We were their downstairs neighbors. They were a lovely couple. They amazed us with their youthful energy and determination. Quite a couple!*

*I remember the day I heard a rumble and thud in the stairwell. I knew one of them had fallen. I ran over and there was your dad at the bottom door covered in red. My first impression was blood! But no, it was the watermelon he was bringing home for your mom. I shouted up to your mother, call 911. Bob, of course said, “No, I’m OK.” Edith Mae called.*

*If I remember correctly, her first call was to you, Paula. Then 911. He had a relatively minor injury, considering the possibilities. After all the fuss was finished, Edith Mae said, “Guess we won’t be having watermelon tonight.”*

*Our sympathies on the loss of your mother. She was one of the good ones!*

*Chas and Davey McFalls*

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**Davene McFalls** - June 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM