



Eleanor Robbins Honaman

August 5, 2022

Eleanor Mae Robbins Honaman, 91, died on Friday, August 5, 2022, at Landis Homes in Lititz, PA, where she lived with her husband of 69 years, William Frederick Honaman. She was the daughter of Francis Jesse Robbins and Evelyn Naomi Nelson Robbins of Carlisle, PA, where she was born on December 8, 1930.

She is survived by her spouse, William Frederick Honaman, of Landis Homes, her two sons, Andrew Miller Honaman (Katy) of Tucson, AZ, and Walter Hugh Honaman, III (Sarah) of Hollywood, FL; her three grandchildren, Chandler, Stephanie, and William; also surviving her two sisters, Evelyn Ella Robbins Bos, of Hershey, PA, and Emma Rosewell Robbins Stuart (Baird), of Fort Washington, MD, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Robbins Honaman at the age of 15 and her brother, William Francis Robbins.

Eleanor graduated from Carlisle High School in 1948 and studied at the Fokine School of Ballet, NYC, and taught for the Hopper School of Dance in Harrisburg, PA. With her husband, she was called to be a lay missionary of the Episcopal Church, USA, and in 1958, was assigned to work with the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan). She was a teacher of English conversation at Koran School for Girls and Rikkyo Primary School

for Boys, both in Tokyo, and was a CPE trained volunteer patient-visitor at St. Luke's International Medical Center, Tokyo, as well as English language consultant. She was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Board of the Tokyo Community Counseling Service. After retiring in 2000 at age 70, she moved to Landis Homes Retirement Community and continued as a volunteer visitor in its Health Care Center.

Eleanor was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was appreciated for her kindness and deep friendships, both in Japan and in the U.S. She was an authentic Christian who lived her faith and highly valued peace, tolerance, and engagement across cultures, languages, and beliefs. An avid tennis player and enthusiast, she was also a lover of flowers and animals, which were an important part of her life. In addition, she was a talented cook who loved to bring joy to others by creating wonderful meals for her family, small groups, and large gatherings.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA, where the rector, The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse, will officiate at a Memorial Service at St. John's Episcopal Church, on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. After the service, everyone is invited to join the family for a luncheon in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the Landis Homes Caring Fund or the outreach ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Robbins Honaman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanor Robbins Honaman.*



September 01, 2022 at 04:08 PM



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Yuki Johnson - August 31, 2022 at 04:52 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Fred, Andy, and Walter. We all spent many hours watching Eleanor and Mary Lou Hind play tennis at Nojiri. And how can I forget her taking us to lunch at the wedding palace in Tokyo. I had never seen such beautiful bride dresses and fancy wedding preparations.*

-Paula Jean Palmore (and her family Robert, Paul, Peyton Buckley)

Paula Palmore - August 26, 2022 at 05:43 PM

KT

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Eleanor Honaman. She worked here as an English conversation teacher from Sept.1982 to Mar. 1985. Her dedication to the work and her service to God will be remembered here in Japan too. May her soul rest in peace.

Koran Joggako, St.Hilda's School, Tokyo, Japan

Koran Joggako, St.Hilda's School, Tokyo, - August 25, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ 3 files added to the album Eleanor



Jackie Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 01:58 PM

TN

“ The Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto, NSKK purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eleanor Robbins Honaman.



The Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto, NSKK - August 22, 2022 at 02:25 AM

TK

“ *Tomie Kaneko lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Robbins Honaman*



Tomie Kaneko - August 22, 2022 at 01:03 AM

MY

“ *Michiko and Samuel Shinya Yawata, purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eleanor Robbins Honaman.*



Michiko and Samuel Shinya Yawata, - August 19, 2022 at 07:46 PM

SL

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Eleanor's passing. I have not seen her since before Covid. Before that I saw her every few months for years at the Aesthetic Skin Center in Lancaster. We had such wonderful conversations! She was so kind and thoughtful. I always looked forward to her appointments. It was very evident how proud she was of her family. What fond memories I have of Eleanor! My sincere condolences go out to her friends and family ❤️.*

Sue Loiseau - August 16, 2022 at 01:55 PM

PF

“ How long can a great friendship last? How about 90 years! Eleanor and I became childhood friends as toddlers around the age of a year and a half. We could always pick up right where we left off as we reunited, no matter where or when. What a blessing! A storehouse of wonderful precious memories. Lots of love to each of you. Peggy Ferrell

Peggy Ferrell - August 13, 2022 at 06:51 PM

TW

“ Very sorry to learn of your loss. Memories of Japan must crowd in at this time, and so many contributions to that country and those people. And still making a contribution, so much in character. Warmest best wishes at this time as you celebrate her life. Tim Winant

Tim Winant - August 13, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eleanor Robbins Honaman.



August 11, 2022 at 06:11 PM



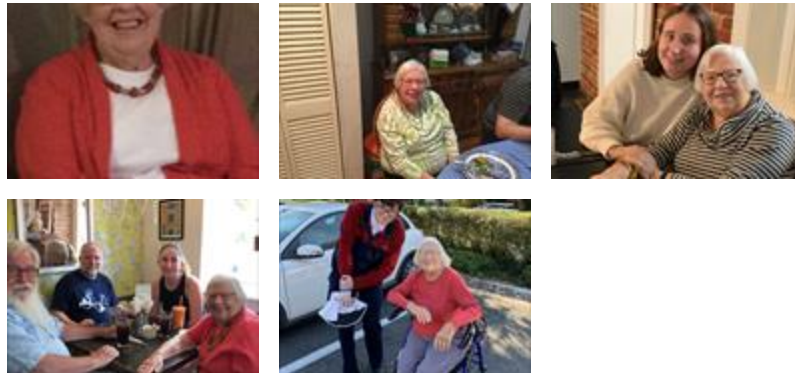
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eleanor Robbins Honaman.



August 11, 2022 at 11:34 AM

SA

“ 6 files added to the album Eleanor



Sarah - August 11, 2022 at 10:05 AM

PW

“ To Fred and the rest of the Honaman family: I loved hearing Eleanor's cheerful greeting when I arrived at church on Sundays. She was one of a kind, a great person, and a Christian who truly walked the walk. May you rest in peace with the saints, Eleanor!

Paula Wolf - August 09, 2022 at 03:00 PM