



## Gladys H. Blevins

July 21, 2014

Gladys H. Blevins, 94, of Lancaster died on "Love Morning" Saturday, July 19, 2014 at the Mount Joy Hospice Center following a six month illness.

A resident of the West Willow area for nearly 75 years, she was a beautician, businesswoman, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and treasured member of a large family and wide circle of friends.

Born in Christiana, she was the daughter of the late Milton Samuel and Martha Woerth Hornberger. She shared 52 years of marriage with the late Mack E. Blevins who died in 1993. A graduate of Christiana High School and the Lancaster Beauty Culture School, she and her husband lived briefly in Conestoga before settling in West Willow to start their businesses in 1948. She retired in 1995 after 45 years. She has been living at the Country Meadows Retirement Community since earlier this year.

Beginning in 1953 through 2013, she spent most summers at her home in Charlestown, MD on the Chesapeake Bay. Her cottage was a special gathering place for families and friends. "Love Morning's" originated there when all the family, whether it was 4 or 14, would jump into bed with her for hugs and kisses. The tradition has provided the entire family with years of joy and laughter and, no doubt, will be continued for generations to come.

She was a member of the Hamilton Park United Church of Christ and a longtime volunteer at the Lancaster General Hospital where she was recognized for completing 20,000 hours crocheting baby caps, blankets and lap robes for newborns and patients.

She is survived by a son: M. Edward, husband of Sharon, Lancaster; two daughters: Gaye B. Cox, wife of Dennis, Conestoga and Audrey B. Benedum, wife of William, Lititz; and a brother: Robert Hornberger, husband of Diane, Christiana.

She is also survived by three grandsons: Nathan Cox, Millersville, Matthew Blevins, Lancaster and Tyler Benedum, Philadelphia and three granddaughters: Tricia Blevins Evans, Lititz, Abigail Cox McConnell, Atlanta, GA and Martha Benedum Sharkey, Philadelphia as well as nine great grandchildren and innumerable friends.

A funeral service will be held at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ, 1210 Maple Avenue, Lancaster at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 26, 2014 with the Rev. Catherine Shiley officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine Sts.), Lancaster, on Friday July 25th from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. and again at the church on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will take place at Middle Octorara Cemetery, Quarryville, PA.

While flowers will be welcome, those seeking to make a more permanent memorial are asked to consider contributions to a very special family organization, TODAY is a GOOD DAY, 8607 Ellison Drive, Wynmoor, PA, 19038. This is a non-profit organization established in the memory of her great granddaughter, Mary Gladys Sharkey, to benefit the families of premature babies.



# Tribute Wall



“ Gladys H. Blevins

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ It is a joy to have known such a wonderful soul through one of the very best friends a person could ask for. We love you Nan and will celebrate your life today and remember all the valuable lessons you taught us over the years. Wish we all could have been there for your family today.

Chris, Angela & Winsor Hoflund - July 26, 2014 at 01:37 AM



“ Gladys and my mother Becky Conroy were the best of friends at one point.

Ann Humer - July 24, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ Mrs.Blevins will forever be in my memories as she was the first person to remember my name as a new employee of country meadows lancaster. This says alot about her character, she made everyone she encountered feel important and purposeful, always being sure to wish me blessings each day i sat with her. Gladys would love sitting with me as well as other staff members recalling the past and always expressed how truly blessed she felt throughtout her life! I will be sure to keep the Blevins family and all extended family and friends in my prayers !!! Sorry for your loss.

Victoria - July 22, 2014 at 11:01 AM

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“Nan was a charming, elegant woman who had an extraordinarily genuine optimism about all of life. She literally radiated that cheeriness and spirit to others, and connected to people in remarkable ways. As a kid, she treated me like one of her own grandkids. I am privileged to have known her.

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**Rich Crawford** - July 22, 2014 at 09:56 AM

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“My memory of Nan was this beautiful and uncompromisingly optimistic woman. In conversation Nan always gave you her undivided attention and her recollection of the details of your life was uncanny. Her relational gifts were rare, old fashioned, and a supreme example of laying her life aside for another. I feel personally honored to have known Nan.

*Andy Crawford*

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**Andy Crawford** - July 22, 2014 at 08:33 AM

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“You will be greatly missed Aunt Gladys and Kline Avenue isn't the same without you.

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**Megan O'Brien** - July 22, 2014 at 08:29 AM