



## Isabel Meloy Gehr

July 21, 2021

Isabel Meloy Gehr died on July 21, 2021 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 104. She was born on August 6, 1916 in Washington, Pennsylvania to Robert Harry and Alice (Lambie) Meloy. She had three younger brothers, one younger sister, and two older half-sisters.

Isabel graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor's Degree in English in 1938. While at Westminster she met Adam Gehr. They were married on August 24, 1940.

After their marriage Isabel and Adam lived in Pittsburgh and later moved to Adam's father's farm near Greensburg, Pennsylvania to help during the war. There she learned to be a farm housewife and even helped in the fields driving the tractor! After two years on the farm and a short stay in Indiana, Pennsylvania they moved to Columbus, Ohio where they lived for 15 years. Making a comfortable home for her husband and family was her focus. Isabel made clothes for her three daughters, served as a Campfire leader for her daughter Jane's troop, and, with Adam, was an enthusiastic square dancer. She enjoyed writing, especially poetry. Adam's career took the family to Denver in 1963 and two years later to Lancaster, PA. There they joined Highland Presbyterian Church where Isabel served as a Stephen minister and was active in other church groups. From 1975 through 1979 Adam worked in Belgium. Isabel took advantage of their stay to improve her French and to

travel extensively. After returning to Lancaster, Adam retired in 1981 and they resumed travelling to Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In 1994 they moved to Homestead Village in Lancaster where they lived the rest of their lives. Adam died in 2019.

Isabel is survived by her children: Adam (Virginia Miller), Martha Wolfe (Donald), Jane Hammoud (Salah-Dine), and Sara Dickey (Roger); eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her daughter-in-law, Anita Gehr.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, September 13, 2021, eleven o'clock a.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Donations in her memory may be sent to Samaritan Counseling Center, 1803 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or TLC Homeless services, 105 E. King St. Lancaster, PA 17602, attn Roger Steffy.

# Cemetery Details

Highland Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Highland Presbyterian Church  
500 East Roseville Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Isabel Meloy Gehr*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am sorry to learn of Isabel's passing but she surely lived a blessed and long life! What a wonderful lady!*

*I had gotten to know Adam well at Highland's "Walk with Christ" dinners and activities so naturally I also met Isabel. They were a very special couple and you just immediately witnessed their admiration and love for each other. And now she returns to her beloved husband's side. May God bless them both and hold them dear to Him in Heaven.*

*I am sorry for your loss. Isabel and Adam were truly wonderful people.*

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**Janet Booth** - September 10, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“*Isabel was a wonderful lady and friend. My wife and I have fond memories of Isabel, and, as you might expect, they almost always include Adam. Isabel and Adam were friends with my parents for many years at Highland Church. After my father died, my mother, Dorothy Heinzelman moved to Homestead. Several years later Isabel and Adam moved into the next-door apartment. When my wife and I visited Mom, we usually had a delightful, interesting conversation with Isabel and Adam, and often had lunch or dinner with them at Homestead or a restaurant. Many Sundays, we took them to a church service at Highland. They were the best neighbors anyone could ask for. When Mom was in the health center at Homestead, Isabel was an angel. She visited Mom almost every day, cheered her up, and did errands for her. This was comforting to us because we live in Rochester, NY, a 6-hour drive away. We often tell our friends about Isabel and Adam, describing a role model couple that had a long loving marriage and remained physically active and mentally alert while aging gracefully. We cherish the friendship we had with Isabel and Adam, and we will be forever grateful to them for being dear friends with Mom and providing help and comfort to her when needed. We extend our condolences to Isabel’s extended family.*

*Columba and Dave Heinzelman*



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David Heinzelman - August 30, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Isabel Meloy Gehr.*



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August 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *I enjoyed working on various activities at Highland Presbyterian Church with Isabel. She was a wonderful person to be around. She lived a long life, and I have thought that it was particularly nice that Adam did, too. They got to spend so many years together. Blessings to the family.*  
*Nancy Mudloff*

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**Nancy Mudloff** - August 10, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *isabel was a beautiful woman inside and out. We so enjoyed her and Adam through HIGHLAND.ISABEL always had a kind word and keen interest in others. I AM SO SORRY I WILL BE OUT of town for her service. Blessing to her whole family who were so dear to ISABEL.*  
*Linda PEACOCK*

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**Linda PEACOCK** - August 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM