



Jane C. Downey

December 28, 2010

Jane Curtin Downey of Homestead Village, Lancaster, PA died at Essa Florey Center on December 28, 2010. She was born in 1918 in Bellefonte, the fourth of five children of John Curtin and Jane Furst Curtin. She graduated in 1939 from Penn State University with a degree in International Business. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

She was married for 55 years to Howard Downey, who died in 1997. In the years following Howard's service in World War II, the Downeys lived in New Holland, Minneapolis, and Lancaster, and then in England and Belgium in addition to traveling worldwide for Sperry New Holland. After retirement they lived in Naples, Florida for 16 years prior to returning to Lancaster in 1992. Jane and her family were charter members of Highland Presbyterian Church where she served as a Trustee in addition to staffing the church's business office in its early years.

She was a board member of Lancaster Day Nursery and Lancaster Mental Health Association. After passing the course given by the local Blind Association, she became a certified Brailleist and transcribed books for the Library of Congress. In Lancaster and Naples she was a tutor for the Literacy Volunteers of America and taught English as a second language. She was a long-time Hospice of Lancaster volunteer, and gave many hours at Schreiber Pediatric Center. A member of The Lancaster Country Club, she chaired the Women's Golf Association. In addition to golf, she enjoyed bridge, traveling, gardening, and puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers and sister. Surviving her are her children Anne, wife of Eugene Gardner, of Lancaster; Howard, husband of Patricia Doohan, of West Palm Beach FL; and Thomas, husband of Suzanne Baughman, of Claremont CA. Her grandchildren are Eugene Gardner and Victoria Coates; Gretchen Martin, Claire Downey, and Mollie Downey. She was Nana Great to her seven great grandchildren Caroline, Victoria, Abigail, and Grace Gardner; Gardner and Gowen Coates; Teddy Martin.

A memorial service will be scheduled by the family at a later date (please check The Groffs website for Service information). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125, and to Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 East Roseville Road Lancaster, PA 17601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jane C. Downey*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Audrey was remembering the many happy times on the golf course with Jane. It seems they had several unique experiences they agreed would stay between them. And as far as we know they did. She was a special person and will ber missed. Audrey & Gene Hannum*

M. E. Hannum - January 19, 2011 at 12:15 AM



“ *I only meet Jane a year ago and I must say it was a true honor to know her. In my many conversations with Ann I referred to Jane as "My Jane". She will be truly missed by so many hearts she touched.*

Jen - January 01, 2011 at 05:25 AM



“ *Jane was an awesome lady and a wonderful volunteer for Hospice of Lancaster County - her smile greeted many visitors to our building for many years. She is missed.*

Leanne Porterfield - December 31, 2010 at 11:29 PM

RS

“ Please know that we are so sorry for your loss. I am a New Holland retiree. I worked for Howard starting in 1970 and even after he was promoted he still ask me to do a few projects for him. Bert, my wife, and I live at Brethren Village. I talked with Jane only a few weeks ago when I called to tell her about Lee Kelly having a 90th birthday. May your memories give you the support you need in this time of your loss. God's Blessing Always. Roy

Roy Schroll - December 31, 2010 at 02:30 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Jane was a kind and gracious person and will be missed.

The McClintock Family

Matt McClintock - December 30, 2010 at 01:13 AM