



Janet Barber Godfrey Alspach

November 10, 2020

Janet Barber Godfrey Alspach, 101, of Lancaster, PA, died at Homestead Village on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. She was the daughter of the late George Pierce and Rae Walters Barber. She was married to the late Thomas Finley Godfrey II who died in 1985 and the late Alfred C. Alspach who died in 2002.

Born in Palmyra, NJ, she graduated from the Palmyra High School in Palmyra, NJ and the Pierce School in Philadelphia, PA. During the War, she worked as a secretary for the Campbell Soup Company. She later became a staff writer and journalist with the Sunday News at the Lancaster Newspapers. Along with her husband Thomas, she was instrumental in helping to establish the Godfrey (Advertising) Agency (now Godfrey) here in 1947.

Janet was a member of First Presbyterian Church and served on the boards of the Linden Hall School for Girls, Pennsylvania Academy of Music, Lancaster Red Cross, Lancaster General Hospital and several others. She was a former member of The Lancaster Country Club and The Hamilton Club. She served as a volunteer at LGH, stepping down at age 90, also at the Red Cross. She was active in many auxiliaries and civic fund-raising activities.

She is survived by her son, Thomas F. Godfrey III, MD (Kathleen), Lancaster, and her daughter, Gretchen Godfrey, Palm Springs, CA and Denver, CO, step-

daughter Frances Wenner (Fred), Frederick, MD, stepsons: David Alspach (Robyn), James Alspach, Alfred C. "Ted" Alspach (Mary), and George Alspach, all of Lancaster, also three grandsons: Brian Godfrey, and Calvin Godfrey (Nhan), both of Los Angeles, CA and Samuel Godfrey, Berkeley CA and 16 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Parr.

Earlier this year she was a survivor of the corona virus pandemic at age 101.

A Memorial Service is to be held at a later date will be announced. A Private Family Interment will occur at the Memorial Garden at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Janet's memory may be sent to Lancaster General Health Foundation, Women and Babies' Hospital, 2115 Harrisburg Pike, Suite 205, Lancaster, PA 17601, or Linden Hall School for Girls, Alumni Association, 212 West Main Street, Lititz, PA 17543.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janet Barber Godfrey Alspach*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. All though I never met her I just found out we were 4th cousin.*

Janet Ruth Barber Godfrey Alspach 1919-2020

4th cousin

Rae Walters Barber 1889-1996

Mother of Janet Ruth Barber Godfrey Alspach

Hannah Cornelia Penn Price Walters 1865-1963

Mother of Rae Walters Barber

Amanda Baker Price 1840-1934

Mother of Hannah Cornelia Penn Price Walters

Conrad Baker 1800-1881

Father of Amanda Baker Price

Conrad Ludwig Baker 1764-1826

Father of Conrad Baker

Lavina Jane Baker 1817-1883

Daughter of Conrad Ludwig Baker

Sarah Teeter Eagles 1848-1921

Daughter of Lavina Jane Baker

James Edgar Lemon 1881-1944

Son of Sarah Teeter Eagles

Norman "Bud" Edgar Lemon Pvt 1922-1951

Son of James Edgar Lemon

Paula Jane Lemon

I am the daughter of Norman "Bud" Edgar Lemon Pvt

Paula Whitaker - October 22, 2021 at 03:37 PM

LR

“ Dear Alspach and Godfrey families – I was saddened to learn of Janet’s passing. I remember Janet as a vivacious, welcoming, full of life person. I have fond memories of being in her company. May she rest in peace.

Larry Roskos - November 18, 2020 at 11:35 AM

CL

“ My Father, Frank Walter, worked at the Godfrey Advertising Agency for many years.
I knew Janet and Mr Godfrey and also Gretchen and Tom Jr.
I have many fond memories of the entire family.
Sending my sympathy to all. I remember Janet as a very kind, sweet, and strong lady.
A life well lived!
Best, Cynthia Walter Libhart

Cynthia Libhart - November 18, 2020 at 07:09 AM

KS

“ Have often told the story of Janet and one of my first rounds of golf with the 9 hole group. I stood on the 11th tee and hit a terrible shot. One of the foursome said loudly, “stroke and distance”. I was mortified. Janet put her arm around me and said quietly, “Kit, here’s a lesson. Some people are more fun to play with than others.” She was always kind, supportive and a great example of a strong woman.

Kit Slaugh - November 17, 2020 at 07:31 AM

BS

“ Gretchen and family,

I was saddened to read of the passing of your mother. I remember her as a very kind lady who always welcomed me into your home. She lived a good long life.

Barry Solodky

Barry Solodky - November 16, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DL

“ Janet was a member of our LCC ladies duckpin bowling group. She always had a ready smile and a kind word. Rest In Peace, dear Janet.

Donna Lockey

donna lockey - November 16, 2020 at 08:39 AM

HM

“ May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Diane and Fr Henry McQueen+

Henry McQueen - November 15, 2020 at 11:47 AM