



Laura Watt O'Connor

December 31, 2013

Laura Watt O'Connor Ide died December 30, 2013 at Masonic Village in her 87th year. She was the daughter of the late Charles G. and Gertrude B. Watt. Her brother, Charles G. Watt, Jr. and her sister, Mary Jane Watt also predeceased her. She is survived by her husband, Gerald L. Ide, her sister, Patricia Watt, her niece, Valerie Maass, her nephew, Andrew Maass and numerous cousins and friends.

Laura was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster.

Perhaps best known for her love of and work with dogs, Laura was a dedicated and active volunteer with many Lancaster non-profit organizations.

She was proud of her Scottish and Lancaster heritage. Her grandfather, PT Watt, was co-founder of the former Watt and Shand Department Store and her father succeeded his father as its President.

Laura was active for decades in the Humane League of Lancaster County, including service as its President.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Laura's Memorial Service on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA (corner of Orange and Pine Streets) with the Reverend Daniel Snyder officiating. Private

Interment will take place in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials in Laura's name may be made Ephrata Cloister, 632 West Main Street, Ephrata PA 17522 or charity of choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Watt O'Connor*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Laura was my 1st cousin - our mothers were sisters. Our families were very close for many years. Her sister Janey, was as close to me as my sisters. I have soo many happy memories from our childhoods, even though we all spread out after college. I will miss her.*

Abby (Adams) Schoff - January 07, 2014 at 09:44 AM



“ *I became acquainted with Laura through the Highland Presbyterian Church Choir - she was a faithful member for many years. As a choir, we traveled to many overseas venue's on working/pleasure trips. I got to know her quite well as on many of those trips, we roomed together. I always marveled at how her outfits came from her suitcase looking like they just taken from the closet. She particularly enjoyed our trips to Scotland - and was very pleased at seeing an advertisement of a business named R. J. Watt in one of the port towns. Beside hosting some choir Christmas get-togethers - she hosted a photo-sharing party after one of our Scotland trips. Although quiet and reserved and sometimes strong opinions, she had quite a sense of humor. Her powder room covered entirely with winning competitive ribbons, was a must-see - as her devotion and success showing her beloved dogs was legend.*

M L Keyser - January 02, 2014 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Laura recruited me for Ephrata Cloister Chorus and in later years, traveled with me to rehearsals. She hosted a Highland choir party one Christmas in her wonderful home and her love of dogs and regard for the Cloister were remarkable. Definitely an unforgettable character...*

Linda Matthews - January 01, 2014 at 08:09 AM