



LIVONIA W.

November 1, 2012

Livonia W. Eck, 78, passed away on Wednesday October 31, 2012 at Lancaster Regional Medical Center after an illness of 2 days.

She was the wife of Timothy C. Eck, with whom she celebrated 13 years of marriage this past January 6th. Her first husband, Oliver J. Smith III, died in 1981. Born in Derby, CT, she was the daughter of the late Paul Dana and Florence Marion Young Westcott.

Livy graduated from East High School, Rochester, NY and received her B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Rochester in 1956. She first worked for American Viscose Corporation, Marcus Hook, PA from 1956 to 1962. More recently she enjoyed working as an analytical chemist for Lancaster Laboratories Inc., Lancaster, retiring in 2000.

One of her early interests was Ham Radio and in 1965 she became the first woman to bounce a radio signal off the moon, which she did from her backyard in Millersville. Other interests include rifle marksmanship, paleontology, mineralogy, entomology and gardening. An avid hiker she had been a member of the Lancaster Hiking Club where she was awarded Hiker of the Year for 1991. She and Tim shared Volunteer of the Year Award from Lancaster County Conservancy in 2009. She also participated in the Lancaster Senior Games winning several medals. Since her retirement she

was a very active duplicate bridge player, recently obtaining her Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League as well as enjoying the company of all her fellow players. She also volunteered one day a week at the Lancaster Health Campus.

In addition to her husband, Tim, she is survived by a daughter V. Blair Smith of Lansing, MI, a son Oliver J. Smith IV, and his wife Carolee, of New Tripoli, PA, and two grandsons Jacob E. Smith and Carter J. Smith. She is also survived by a sister, Eleanor Bailey, of Dexter, MI.

Her sudden departure is a large loss for her family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Livy's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 2012 at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster. The family will greet friends at The Groffs from 10:00 a.m. until time of Service. Private Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. If desired, Memorials may be made in Livy's name to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ LIVONIA W.

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Tim, I just want to express my sympathy to you and your family during this time of loss. Livy was one of the first folks who spoke to me on my very first hike with the Lancaster Hiking Club. She made me feel welcome and glad that I was participating.*
Renate Sachse

Renate Sachse - November 07, 2012 at 08:58 PM



“ *Thinking of you at this time; cherish the memories you have created over the years; God Bless you Oliver, Carolee, Jacob and Carter*

Faye Smith-Foulk - November 05, 2012 at 07:40 AM



“ *Tim,*
So sorry to hear of Livy's passing. She will be missed from our Friday Night Duplicate Group. We could always depend on Livy's help with the group. She will be in my prayers.
Janet Glazewski

Janet Glazewski - November 05, 2012 at 02:27 AM

BF

“ Oliver, Carolee, Jacob and Carter and to the rest of the family,

We are very sorry for the loss of your Mom. We hope that all the fond memories of Liv will help you through your time of sorrow. We are thinking of you.

Bern, Glen and Family - November 04, 2012 at 11:47 PM

KL

“ *As a beginner, Liv made my bridge experience most enjoyable. I will miss her smile and encouragement and radiance table at Maple Grove. I am privileged to have sat at her table. My condolences to Tim and family. Kasey Long*

Kasey Long - November 03, 2012 at 06:32 AM

SK

“ *Tim, Sorry to learn of Livy's passing Please accept my sympathy*

Sue Kohler - November 03, 2012 at 02:40 AM

RO

“ *Livy will be truly missed, please accept my condolences.*

Roger Ober - November 02, 2012 at 11:55 PM

KA

“ *Tim- My prayers go out for you and your family. Livy will be remembered with a smile.*
Ken Allshouse

Ken Allshouse - November 02, 2012 at 11:21 PM

TP

“ Tim, we are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tim Phelps - November 02, 2012 at 09:51 PM

CM

“ Tim, please accept my sincere condolences. Our monthly meetings will not be the same without Livy.

Celica Milovanovic - November 02, 2012 at 09:32 PM

KP

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of dear Livy. She was a kind and caring spirit and her presence will be missed.

Karen Patterson - November 02, 2012 at 08:13 PM

SS

“ Tim, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember the interest Livy took in your work with the American chestnut.

Susan Smith - November 02, 2012 at 03:11 AM

SF

“ Dear Tim - my heart goes out to you and your family. Livy was always welcoming and helpful at our meetings, and she will certainly be missed. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sara Fitzsimmons - November 02, 2012 at 02:50 AM