



Marian Witmer Atkins

November 5, 2012

Marian Witmer Atkins, of New Providence, entered into rest at her home with her family by her side on her 89th birthday, November 4. Born in Edisonville, PA, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Eva Rineer Witmer, She is survived by her husband Floyd Atkins, to whom she was married 64 years and two daughters, Susan J. Atkins, Jodie wife of David Comb s and a son, Dewey Atkins all of Lancaster County. Marian was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters: Dixie Ann Marks and Rebecca Jean Kirchner as well as her late brothers: Donald Witmer who was a bomber pilot and Edward C. Witmer, Jr. was a Japanese POW for three years.

She graduated from Strasburg High School, Class of 1941 and was employed by Hamilton Watch Company during the war making bomb fuses. While her 5 children were growing up she was a homemaker. She was the manager of fine jewelry at Gimbals Department Store and managed the family poultry farm and campgrounds in Marticville.

Marian was an ardent Penn State football fan, a season ticket holder for 35 seasons. She attended 10 Penn State Bowl games and 2 Super Bowl games when the Eagles played. She was a Baltimore Orioles fan in the days of Cal Ripken and Boog Powell. Marion liked camping, fishing, and golf. She fished in Canada, Maine, and Maryland. She traveled to Mexico, Europe and Canada and visited every state except two.

Marian was an ardent civil rights advocate during the 1950's. She was also a 4H club leader. She loved nature and was a stoic survivor, battling many health problems over the years. She was a loving mother, a hard-working and faithful wife and she will be missed by all her family and friends.

A private family Memorial Service is planned at her home in the near future. It will be a celebration of her life. Memorials may be made in Marian's name to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 or www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Marian Witmer Atkins*

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“ *I have very happy memories of Marion we spent alot of our childhood together and growing up. The Witmer family was like family. Dolly.*

Dorothy Long Mowrer - November 13, 2012 at 03:07 AM



“ *Dearest Susan and Family,*

My Mom saw Marian's obit in the paper and called me to let me know. My I writing to send my deepest sympathy to all and let everyone know that your in my thoughts and prayers. Marian lived next-door to my grandparents in Edisonville. I have fond memories of going there to visit when I was a little girl. I will be sending a memorial donation to Hospice.

Susan, call me when your ready.

Much Love,

Victoria Mowrer

Victoria Mowrer - November 08, 2012 at 09:07 PM