



Mary Brubaker Reynolds

February 1, 2013

Mary Brubaker Reynolds of Lancaster passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at the Brethren Village; she was 95 years young! Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Sem S. and Bertha Engle Brubaker. Mary was married to the late Robert "Bobby" Reynolds for nearly 60 years.

She attended West Junior High, Stevens School and the Berté School of Fashion in Philadelphia.

Mary was a lifelong member of St. James Episcopal Church, a sustaining member of the Junior League, a former member of the Lancaster Country Club and at the time of her death, the longest tenured member of The Hamilton Club. She volunteered her time and talents to innumerable organizations and will be remembered for her generous spirit and wonderful sense of humor.

Mary believed in keeping her brain sharp right 'til the end. In addition to taking her son Josh's brain pill, she was an avid bridge player and cryptogram puzzle-solver. Mary was also an accomplished golfer, winning the prestigious LCC President's Cup on more than one occasion.

Mary was a gourmet cook who loved to entertain. She was famous for her date-nut pudding and paper-thin sand tarts that were her signature Christmas

cookie. She prepared meals months in advance for the family's annual July 4 reunion. Mary was a talented seamstress who made most of her clothing as a young girl, including her wedding dress and even bathing suits. Mary had a flair for fashion and antiques, to which her wardrobe and home of over 60 years stand witness. She was an artist, crafting wooden Santa Claus figures and pillow cases from antique lace.

Mary was a true sports enthusiast. In her youth she performed diving expositions at Mt. Gretna with her beloved twin sister, Martha. She followed the stats in the daily paper and watched every televised game of her favorite Phillies, Flyers and Eagles. She lived for the March Madness college basketball championships, for which she will now enjoy a VIP front seat.

She is survived by her three children: George N. "Josh" Reynolds, husband of Barbara Nolan, Laguna Beach, CA; Martha Reynolds Venter, New Haven, CT; and R. Bradford Reynolds, husband of Nan Mathers, Lititz; seven grandchildren: Mary Caroline Reynolds Marshall; B. Chase Reynolds; Mary "Molly" Venter; Christina Reynolds; Josiah Venter; Myriah Reynolds; and Jonah Reynolds; four great-grandchildren: Scotland and Jack Reynolds, Ford and Tate Marshall; and dozens of nieces and nephews. "Maw-Maw," as she was affectionately called, in addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents, and her eight brothers and sisters.

Her family wishes to thank the Brethren Village caretakers for all their compassion and love during her eight-month stay.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 4, 2013 at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, with The Reverend Barbara Seras and The Reverend Edward O. Miller officiating. The family will receive friends at the Church on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Interment will be in St. James Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's name to St. James Episcopal Church, Anchorage Program, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, or to The Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster, P.O. Box 104, Lancaster, PA 17608.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Brubaker Reynolds*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Brad, Nan, and Martha,*

My sincere sympathy to you and your loved ones. Your mother's picture brought back memories of carpooling to LAC practices at Millersville so long ago.

Pam

Pam Sherrard Rosenberger - February 05, 2013 at 10:29 AM



“ *Martha, Brad and family,*

I remember your mother fondly from our high school years. She was always a pleasant and kind woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Barry

Barry Solodky - February 05, 2013 at 12:38 AM

AG

“ I do not like impersonal communications like these, but there are so many Reynolds that I want to include in my message of family closeness and affection, that this may be the best way. All of you -- Josh, Mary Martha, Brad (and of course Nan) -- the Downeys and Reynolds have been joined at the hip for many many years, and it is a big chunk out of all that association to have to say goodbye to our last of our older generation. I must say your obituary is outstanding in its portrayal of your mother -- she was such an "Auntie Mame" kind of person in her interests, talents, outgoing manner, and (at least in the years I knew her) joie de vivre. Sad to bid goodbye to the older generation (and daunting to know that now, we've been tagged) but how we cherish the heritage they bequeathed to us, and what fun it is to think of them resuming their bridge and golf games, and their parties, not to mention their speculating on how those of us here below are managing to carry on without them. Gene and I send love and condolences to you all.
Anne

Anne and Gene Gardner - February 04, 2013 at 04:32 AM

SS

“ Brad and Nan:

My condolences to both of you and your families, with the passing of your Mother. as I sit here remembering so much from our "growing" years:

-special times wih your parents on Roseville Road, the door was always open

-teeing it up and your Mother's encouragement to us

-jumping onto Overlook

memories are the gifts to you and your family

scoot

Scoot Sheaffer - February 03, 2013 at 09:04 AM

JM

“ Brad and Nan my condolences on the passing of your mom. I'm sorry I am not able to usher at her service due to my being in FI for a month. That would have been an honor for me. My best. Judd McCune

Judson McCune - February 03, 2013 at 01:22 AM