



## Mary Ellen "Billie" Forsha

February 13, 2024

Mary Ellen "Billie" (Lehman) Forsha, 94, of Lititz, PA, passed away peacefully from natural causes at Brethren Village on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Billie was born in Richland Township, Johnstown, PA, the daughter of the late G. Dewey Lehman and M. Margaret (Weaver) Lehman. She graduated from Johnstown High School in 1947 and immediately went to work as a bookkeeper for various Johnstown municipal offices and private businesses. She was the loving wife of John "Jack" Forsha and celebrated 64 years of marriage before his death in 2018. Besides Johnstown, Billie and her husband lived in Bedford, Bird-in-Hand, and Lancaster before moving to Brethren Village in 2013.

Billie retired from the Conestoga Valley School District where she was an accounts payable clerk for over 25 years. She was a member of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren where she taught Sunday School, helped in the children's nurseries, and served on the church board and other committees. In 1977, she represented her church as a volunteer in the cleanup efforts in the Walnut Grove community of Johnstown after a substantial summer flood.

After she retired, Billie planned and organized yearly golfing vacations with her husband, family and friends throughout parts of the southern United States. In retirement, she worked part-time at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster as an usher from 2001-2017. Always ready for some fun, Billie

enjoyed playing cards, games with the family, solving varieties of word puzzles, golfing, traveling, and shopping with friends and relatives.

Surviving are two sons, Mark A. married to Melode Forsha of Lancaster PA, and Corey D. of Lancaster, PA; her grandchildren, Ryan (Porsha) of San Francisco, Todd (Faye) of Lyndhurst, NJ, and Kelly of Nashville TN. In addition, she is survived by two great-grandsons, Anderson and Jackson, and her sister-in-law, Jeanne Lehman who lives in Indiana, PA. Preceding her in death, besides her husband and parents, were sisters Violet Sacra, Twila Kibsey, Evelyn Williams, Marjorie Felton, Roberta Neuhof, and a brother, D. Dwight Lehman.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601 on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome to greet the family after the service at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601. The family is grateful for the expertise and kindness of Hospice & Community Care and for the remarkable staff at Brethren Village rehabilitation, personal care, and skilled nursing facilities as they cared for Billie over the last four years of her life.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601

## Visitation

APR 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Wittriens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen "Billie" Forsha.*



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**The Wittriens** - April 19, 2024 at 05:36 PM

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“ *To Mark and Family: I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Our mothers will always be very special people. I hope that soon, your current grief will be replaced with wonderful memories of your mother. As you may know, your mother was a special friend to my mother as they would interact with each other (almost daily) at the district offices. With deepest sympathy, Dale Weaver CVHS Class of '73.*

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**Dale Weaver** - February 23, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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“ *I always enjoyed working with Billie (and Jack) at Conestoga Valley. Their service to our school district will be a lasting legacy for the community. On behalf of the CV community, I offer my sincere sympathies to the family. Thanks for your service, Gerry Huesken, Retired CVSD Superintendent*

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**Gerry Huesken** - February 20, 2024 at 09:48 AM

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“ *While it has been many years, we have often thought of Billie and Jack (and Mark and Corey) and the wonderful times we shared. They were clearly some of our very favorite people, along with others from CV - the Grimm's, the Souder's, etc. Sleep well, sweet Billie. Our love to all, Phil and Stella Jacobs - then Akron, now Endwell, New York.*

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**Phil Jacobs** - February 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM