



Nancy S. Paden

January 10, 2013

Nancy Shreve Paden passed away quietly with family by her side at the Lancaster General Hospital Tuesday morning, the eighth of January. Born in Lancaster on the 7th of May 1918, she was the widow of Ralph Snyder Paden of Carlisle. She was the daughter of the late James Downs and Anna Katherine Grube Shreve and the eldest of five children, James Jr., Elizabeth, Katherine & Joanne. Nancy is survived by her sister Joanne Shreve Kuster of Dalton, GA; two sons, Lynn Scott Paden of Washington, DC, Todd Bryan Paden of New Orleans; a daughter in law, Gemma de la Fuente of Washington, DC and a grandson, Felix Ian Paden of Lancaster.

Nancy graduated from the Stevens High School for Girls in 1936 and the Millersville State Teacher's College in 1940, where she met her future husband Ralph. In the mid 1950's she opened and operated Art Craft House which was the first store in Lancaster to sell the work of modern designers Russell Wright and Francisco Rebajes. In the late 1960's Nancy received a Masters degree in counseling from Millersville University. Her teaching career spanned forty years; it began in a one room school house and finished as a guidance counselor for the Donegal School District. Nancy also worked for a number of years at WGAL TV filling in for numerous regulars such as Mary Jane Landis.

Nancy loved sports and was an accomplished tennis player. In 2006 she was

inducted into the Lancaster County Tennis Hall of Fame for her two Lancaster City County singles championships. In the 1960's Nancy took up golf and was an active member of the Media Heights Golf Club serving as president of the ladies golf club. Later in life her competitive nature turned to bridge, which she played weekly at Homestead Village.

From 1983 to 2003 Nancy and Ralph left Lancaster and lived in Naples, Florida. There she started a new career as a real estate agent for the firm of Ad Miller. Nancy never completely put aside her desire to teach. In Florida she tutored disadvantaged youth and taught English as a second language.

Nancy was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, a Daughter of the American Revolution and a staunch republican. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in Village Commons, Homestead Village on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 10:00AM. Her ashes will be interred this spring and an announcement will be made of Nancy's Life Celebration Memorial Service to be held at First United Methodist Church, Lancaster. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation "Adult Education" Send checks to: Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation, 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster PA 17601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy S. Paden*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Scott and Todd,*

Bill and I remember your family fondly from our days as neighbors on Clayton Road. Your mom always had a friendly greeting when we saw her going or coming. I knew she was an active, energetic woman and busy with her school career while we knew her, but I had no idea that she had had such an interesting, varied life.

Please know of our sympathy for your loss.

*Sincerely,
Phyllis Whitesell*

Phyllis Whitesell - January 16, 2013 at 10:16 AM

DH

“ Dear Nancy's extended family,

My (Dave's) mother, Dorothy Heinzelman, and Nancy were very good friends at Homestead. In their younger days in their 80's they played golf together. And both were excellent bridge players.

When we visited my mother, we always enjoyed seeing Nancy for dinner, or bridge, or just conversation. She was an interesting delightful person.

You may be aware that my mother died in February 2012 at age 96. The pattern of Nancy's and my mother's lives was very similar. They enjoyed good health and an active lifestyle through their 80's before stating to slow down. Both were still mentally sharp and socially active well into their 90's. Coincidentally, the Memorial Service for Nancy was on January 12th which would have been my mother's 97th birthday.

After my mother died we were in Lancaster two more times and visited with Nancy. In early August we took Nancy and Mary Kurian out to lunch and enjoyed the meal and conversation. On December 23 we stopped briefly for about 15 minutes to wish Nancy a Merry Christmas. We were surprised at how much her health had declined from August. Nancy's condition appeared to be very similar to my mother's health during her last month. But Nancy welcomed us and we had a nice conversation. She acknowledged her declining health but did not complain. She even managed a few gentle laughs and smiles while we talked. We gave her a Christmas hug and thanked her for being a wonderful friend for my mother.

Losing a mother or grandmother is always difficult at any age. But the memories of her will live on. We extend our condolences and sympathy to all of you.

*Sincerely,
David & Columba Heinzelman*

David & Columba Heinzelman - January 16, 2013 at 04:30 AM

JL

“ *Although our respective assignments at Donegal did not call for a great deal of interaction, those times when I had the privilege of doing so with Nancy I recall as very positive experiences. My deepest sympathies on her passing.*

Jim Lawrence - January 12, 2013 at 07:06 AM