



Sylvia E. Atwater

February 9, 2016

Sylvia E. Atwater, 78, of Lancaster, passed away at Lancaster General Hospital on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Born in Havre de Grace, MD on March 11, 1937, Sylvia was the daughter of the late Helen Anderson Kauffman and A. Herbert Kauffman. On February 14, 1976 she married her valentine, Howe Atwater, and together they traveled the world and shared a love of tennis, entertaining friends and family, and caring for their beloved pets. Today would have been their 40th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her children, Denise Rutledge Hall (Thomas) and D. Daniel Rutledge (Dana) of Lancaster, grandchildren Lauren Hall of Boston, Erin Hall of Lancaster, and William Rutledge of Texas, sisters Joyce Styer and Patricia Brought of Lancaster, stepchildren Charlotte Miller (Douglas), Richard Atwater (Michelle), and Pierce Atwater (Elaine) of Lancaster, five step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howe, her son William Rutledge, and her sister Ruth Ann Neiss.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed volunteering with the Girl Scouts, Rock Ford Plantation, PA, Association for the Blind, Hospice and Lancaster General Hospital. Sylvia also enjoyed reading, knitting, painting, gourmet cooking, attending the theater, listening to Frank Sinatra, and duckpin bowling at the Hamilton Club of Lancaster, where she and Howe were active members for many years.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions in Sylvia's honor may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., 2000 L Street NW Ste 410, Washington, DC 20036 or the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia E. Atwater*

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“ *She was a special friend - I will miss her a lot. May she rest in peace and may God bless the her family and friends. from WPM*

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“ *We are very sorry about Sylvia. We always enjoyed her visits in our office. She was a very sweet lady. We know how much her family and friends will miss her.*

Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

The Staff of West Lancaster Animal Hospital

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“ *Hossein Daneshvar lit a candle in memory of Sylvia E. Atwater*



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she will be dwelling in the house of the lord forever.

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