



Meda Hostetter Blanck

Meda Hostetter (Koehler) Blanck, 91, of Luther Acres Manor, Lititz, PA and formerly of 80 N. Hazel Street, Manheim, died Thursday, September 18, 2008 at the Luther Acres Retirement Community, Lititz, PA.

Born in Elm, Lancaster County, she was the daughter of the late Isaac Bomberger and Catherine Haverstick Hostetter Koehler. She was married to John C. Blanck, who died in 1966.

She attended the one-room school at Speedwell, Elizabeth Township and graduated from Lititz High School in 1935. After raising her two children she began working for the Manheim Central School District, from which she retired after working 26 years as a cafeteria cook and later cook/manager of the junior high school cafeteria.

She was active in her church and in the Manheim community. A member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manheim, she was active (at both Zion and at St. Paul Lutheran, Penryn, the church of her youth) as a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years. She was a member of Zion's Geib Sewing Circle, the Daughters of Zion Class and the Social Ministry Committee. For 23 years she visited each member of the church, on or about their 75th birthday and every birthday thereafter, presenting them with a red rose. This totaled more than 2,000 'red rose' visits during her tenure as the 'rose lady' of Zion Lutheran.

She volunteered monthly at Luther Acres, taking snacks to and visiting residents in the nursing home and shopping for the residents. On many occasions, while she was still able to drive, she took friends and fellow church members who had no means of getting there, to church, the grocery store, the bank, the hairdresser, the doctor, etc. She also had been a member of Church Women United, the Manheim Historical Society and the Lancaster General Hospital Auxiliary.

When her children were young she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and Brownie Leader. A charter member of the Board of Directors of the Nearly Nu Thrift Shop in Manheim, she served on the board for over 20 years. She received the Manheim Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award and the VFW/VFW Auxiliary award for Volunteer Service to the Manheim Community.

Living across from what had been the Manheim Senior High/Junior High School for 65 years she had many occasions to provide telephone service or a warm place to stay for many students calling/waiting for their parents to pick them up after a school event. She would fondly recall times when she opened her home on a winter's night to provide a warm place for school kids. On a few occasions it involved a busload of kids in winter, when an event was cancelled and the parents had not yet been notified to pick up their kids. There were many other times when she helped students in various ways.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Ann Brosey, wife of the late James R. Brosey Jr, of Manheim; a son, John I. Blanck, of Manheim, husband of Carol Bush Blanck; six grandchildren, Greg Brosey, Karen Becker, Stuart Brosey, John I. Blanck Jr, Christine Hepler and Jennifer Blanck; five great-grand children and six great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Mahlon and sister Esther who both died in infancy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her memorial service at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2 South Hazel Street, Manheim, on Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2008 (tomorrow) at 2:30 PM with Pastor James W. Roth officiating. Visitation time with the family will be at the church, on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 PM until the time of the service. Interment will be at Penryn Cemetery in Penryn, at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. Those desiring may send contributions in Meda's memory to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 2 S. Hazel Street, Manheim, PA 17545. The Buch Funeral Home, Manheim is in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at www.buchfuneral.com

