



Corinne E. Herr

Corinne E. Herr, 84, of Ephrata Manor, and formerly of 340 Warren Street, New Holland, passed away on July 11, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital. Born in Pennbrook on May 19, 1924, she was the daughter of William and Effie Brothers Thumma. Corinne was preceded in death by her brother William Thumma of Millersville.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, J. Kenneth Herr, also currently a resident of Ephrata Manor; one brother, Kenneth Thumma of Lancaster; one sister, Allene Beck, of Ormond Beach, FL; four children, Jeffrey K. Herr, of Stuart, FL, Karen C. Seiple of New Holland, Kevin J. Herr of Friendship Community Home in Lancaster, and Claudia S. Beebe of Landenberg, PA. Corinne is also survived

by five grandchildren (Adam and Amanda Seiple, 27 and 22 years; Jessica, Tommy, and Kenny Beebe, 21, 17 and 15 years), and one great-grandchild (Jacob Seiple, 16 months old). Corinne called her grandchildren her "pride and joy."

Corinne was a graduate of Penn Manor High School, and spent her childhood summers on the Pequea Creek. She was introduced to her future husband by her future sister-in-law, Lola Herr. While Ken was stationed in Europe during the Second World War she wrote him love letters almost daily. After working at the Hamilton Watch Company, Corinne married Ken on May 25, 1946 at the First United Methodist Church of Millersville, and the couple honeymooned in Miami, Florida. A devoted wife and mother of four, Corinne sometimes referred lovingly to her "full-time job" of raising her children, including her special-needs son, Kevin.

She was an active member of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in New Holland, where she volunteered for 40 years as a choir member, taught music class to special-needs children, and volunteered at Ephrata Manor with her husband, where they both became residents 20 years later. Corinne volunteered at the Fairmont Rest Home and delivered meals to shut-ins through Meals-on-Wheels. Corinne and Ken were a great team when it came to their hobbies. Corinne provided the artistic touches to Ken's woodworking through her lovely oil and wood painting and Swedish weaving. The couple volunteered as tour guides for the Blue Ball Seniors Sunshine Club, where they met lifelong friends and traveled as a group through the Mid-Atlantic region.

Corinne gave selflessly to others right to the end of her life, helping those less fortunate, and setting a fine example of Christian love. After her 50th wedding anniversary, when asked her secret to a fulfilling life and a successful marriage, she said, "Have respect for each other and a lot of faith, love and trust in each other and things will work out."

A closed-casket visitation and fellowship will be held Thursday July 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Groff-High Funeral Home, 145 W. Main Street, New Holland. A funeral and graveside burial services will be held Friday July 18 at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ at 11:00 AM, preceded by closed-casket fellowship from 10:00 AM in the church.

In lieu of flowers, Corinne asked that contributions be made to Friendship Community Home, 1149 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA, 17543.