



Lydia Berghaus Osborne

Lydia Berghaus Osborne, 100, of the Mennonite Home of Lancaster, formerly of 581 North School Lane, Lancaster, died on Thursday, 18 September 2008. She was the wife of the late John Bremner Osborne, Sr., who died in 1984.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late Paul Berghaus and Frances W. Foard Berghaus. In her youth she lived in Galveston and Austin, Texas, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Orange, New Jersey. After her marriage she lived in South Orange, New Jersey where she was the director of the Alter Guild at Holy Communion Episcopal Church. She retired to Chatham, New Jersey and, after the death of her husband, moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania where she was a member of the Iris Club and a volunteer at Rockford Plantation.

She was predeceased by her four siblings, Louisa Graham, Paul F. C. Berghaus, Richard Berghaus, and Edward Berghaus. She is survived by a daughter, Margaret, wife of Eric H. Neilsen of Cleveland, Ohio, three sons, John Bremner Jr., husband of Susan Wood of Lancaster, Richard Berghaus, husband of Virginia Bibella Dore of Warrenton, Virginia, and Harry Vivian II, husband of Molly Jane Shannon. Also surviving are six grand children, Eric H. Neilsen, Jr., Richard B. Osborne Jr., Charlotte L. J. Osborne, Lydia E. Neilsen, Emily J. O. Barnes, and David B. Osborne, two great grandchildren, Ailin Cuthbertson and Ethan W. Barnes, three step grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held for members of the family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Mennonite Home would be greatly appreciated.