



Ethel M. Raffensperger

Ethel M. Raffensperger, 81, of 3735 Elizabethtown Road, Manheim, PA, formerly of Adams County, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday morning, October 16, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, PA, following an illness of 20 years. Born in Romney, WV, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Lavinia Moreland Henderson. She was the wife of Fred C. Raffensperger, Sr. for 23 years on June 16.

A homemaker, Ethel also provided home health care to patients in her earlier years. For 23 years, she faithfully attended Lititz Grace Church where she was part of a women's Bible study and was involved with People Enjoying People senior ministry. Ethel exercised the spiritual disciplines of Bible study and fervant prayer. She enjoyed flower gardening and tending a beautiful lawn.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Barry W. Welker of St. Pierre Ile d'Orleans, Quebec, CN, and Boyd E., Sr., husband of Dolores Dillinger Welker of Gettysburg, PA; Fred's children, Sharon J., wife of Bradley E. Rice of East Berlin, PA, and Fred C., Jr., husband of Leslie Jo Michael Raffensperger of Manheim; five grandchildren, Amy, wife of Toby Skvarka of Newville, PA, Boyd E. Welker, Jr. of Pottstown, PA, Jerry A. Johnson of York Springs, PA, Shane M. Raffensperger and Haley Jo Raffensperger, both of Manheim; and four sisters, Ina Ginevan of Emmetsburg, MD, Eva Stephans of Baltimore, MD, Evelyn Roberts of Hanover, PA, and Doris Alberts of Scranton, PA. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, John W. Welker, who died in 1982; a granddaughter, Jeanna A. Beckner; three sisters, Edith Raffensperger, Esta Brinning, and Geneva Robinson; and two brothers, Boyd and Earlsel Henderson.

A funeral service will be held on Monday morning, October 20, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Grace Bible Chapel, 5575 Oxford Road, Gardners, PA. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Arendtsville, PA. There will be no viewing. A memorial service will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2008 at 3:00 PM at Lititz Grace Church, 501 West Lincoln Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543. Kindly omit flowers. If desired, contributions may be made in her memory to Grace Brethren Missions, c/o Lititz Grace Church. Arrangements by Spence Funeral Services, Manheim, PA.