

Marybeth H. Bonner

Ephrata resident Marybeth H. Bonner, 66, died at her home on November 27, 2008.

Born in Coatesville, she was the daughter of Grace L. (Lower) Hamill of Honey Brook and the late Samuel F. Heffner, who served as mayor of Coatesville in the early 1950s.

Prior to moving to Ephrata eight years ago, Marybeth lived in Chadds Ford. She attended Coatesville public schools and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dickinson College, where she earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics. She held a Ph.D. in Communication Theory from the University of Washington. Professionally, she served as a college teacher, a computer-systems analyst and a technical writer.

She was the widow of James G. Bonner, her loving husband of twenty-three years. He died in 1999. Marybeth was passionate about animal rights and the sustainability of our planet. She was an avid reader, a lover of music and film, and she passed these interests on to her children. In 2003, she ran for State Representative from the 99th District on the Green Party ticket.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a daughter, Betsy Bonner, of Westport, CT; sister Bettina Heffner, married to Robert Epler, of Lancaster; and a brother, Samuel F. Heffner, III, married to Donna (MacNeill) Heffner, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by her daughter Atlantis Black and her brother Joel L. Heffner. Marybeth enjoyed her close friendships with childhood and college friends. These and other family and friends will miss her greatly.

It was her wish not to have a traditional funeral service. You may honor her memory by doing an act of kindness to an animal in need, or by contributing to the Ephrata Public Library: 550 S. Reading Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522. On-line condolences may be made through our website: www.youngfuneralhome.com