

Katherine J. Weidman

On October 31, 2008, Katherine Jane Weidman passed away at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown. Born on January 31, 1908, in Bainbridge, Kate was the daughter of the late Louis Parks and Anna Brientnall Parks. She was a graduate of Lancaster Girls' High School, and the Lancaster Business School. Prior to her marriage in 1939 to Isaac Graybill Weidman, she was employed in the bookkeeping department of Armstrong Cork Company.

A homemaker, Kate lived with her husband and family at 1060 Wheatland Avenue in Lancaster Township for over fifty years. She is survived by her two children, Douglas P. Weidman (Linda Lestz) and Anne P. Lumby, of Dayton, Ohio, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband "Ike" predeceased her in 1981. She was also predeceased by her brother Louis Parks and her sister Anne E. Calvert.

As a young woman, Kate loved tennis and golf. Throughout her life she had a great love of the outdoors and the beach. She especially enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing her lawn and raking leaves. A member of the Hamilton Club, she bowled in the ladies' league there for many years. She was a devoted member of St. James Episcopal Church and former Sunday School teacher. A great friend and neighbor, she had also belonged to the Donegal Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Kate was a direct descendant of David Brientnall, a Philadelphia Quaker, and associate of William Penn. Her great-grandfather George Brientnall, a Civil War veteran, was known as "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh."

Kate was an avid reader and skilled Scrabble player and wordsmith. She had a keen sense of humor and was known for feisty repartee.

Services will be conducted at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602, Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 or a charity of one's choosing. Fred F. Groff, Inc. www.lifecelibration.com