



Dorothy A. Hartranft

Dorothy A. Hartranft, 88, formerly of New Holland, died Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital following a short illness. Before being hospitalized, she resided at Lancashire Hall, Lancaster, since 2007.

Born in Rockville, Chester County, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Kathryn (West) Yoder. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, John C. Hartranft, a resident at Zerbe Sisters Nursing Center, Narvon. She is also survived by two sons, John R., married to Mary Ann (Simmons) Hartranft, and Donald L. Hartranft, both of New Holland; two daughters, Joyce, married to Richard Jacobs of Bowmansville, and Darlene Diffenderfer of Lancaster; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren with a seventh expected in February; a

sister, Helen, married to Vernon Elmer of Honey Brook; and a son-in-law, Jim Diffenderfer of Lancaster.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, John W. and Edward R. Yoder.

A homemaker most of her life, Dot also worked at several garment factories in the New Holland area. She was also a former volunteer with New Holland Area Meals-on-Wheels. A member of Ranck's United Methodist Church, New Holland, she had been active in Bible study and her Sunday school class prior to moving to Lancashire. Her family was her biggest enjoyment, but she also enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, playing bingo, and watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She also loved growing all kinds of flowers and houseplants.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 11:00am at Ranck's United Methodist Church, 700 Ranck Road, New Holland, with the Reverend Kevin Readman officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Viewing will be held at the church on Saturday from 9-11 am. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. To send the family condolences visit us at [www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com). Arrangements by Groff-High Funeral Home, New Holland.