

Betty J. Esbenshade

Betty J. Esbenshade, 86, formerly of Paradise, died at the Mennonite Home on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, following a long illness. Betty was the wife of the late Robert D. Esbenshade, who died in 1988.

She worked as a teacher's aide for the Pequea Valley School District. Betty was a long-time member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Paradise. She was involved in Girl Scouting for over 30 years, including being the first leader of the Girl Scout Troop in Paradise, and organized the Intercourse Girl Scout Troop. Betty was also a member of the Mary Ferree Society.

Born in Paradise, she was the daughter of the late John V. and Elsie Graham Kellenberger. Betty is survived by a son, Robert A. married to Jennifer of Lancaster, a daughter, Linda E. married to J. Robert Witmer of Lansdale, and 2 grandsons, R. Matthew Witmer married to Caron of Red Hill and Martin A. Witmer of Lansdale.

VIEWING: Saturday, December 6, from 10 until 11 AM in St. John's U.M. Church, 3001 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise, PA. FUNERAL: Saturday, December 6, at 11 AM in the church with Pastor Sandra Knaub officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a contribution in Betty's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or The Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway E., Lancaster, PA 17602. Bachman Funeral Home, Strasburg, PA.

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