



Emily P. Eichelberger

Emily Philo Eichelberger, a resident of United Zion Retirement Community, Lititz, PA, passed away on August, 1, 2008. She was born March 31, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA. She was the foster daughter of Harry and Abi Weller, who gave her a loving home and raised her as their own from the time she was two years old after her mother, Martha Philo became too ill to care for her.

Her husband, Robert L. Eichelberger, whom she married on June 24, 1938, passed away on January 16, 1996.

Surviving are daughter; Sondra (Philip) Spillman of Hermitage, PA, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vicki Eichelberger of Strasburg, PA, widow of the late Robert L. Eichelberger, Jr. and a daughter, Gail (Philip) Stauffer of Leola, PA. Also surviving is a sister, Martha Jansen of Woodbridge, NJ. Besides her husband and son, Emily was preceded in death by two grandsons, Matthew Stauffer and Frederick P. Spillman. Her brother, Fred Philo also predeceased her.

Emily's six grandchildren, Christine Stolarik, Wendy Serfass, Robert L. Eichelberger III, Heather Hairston, Adam Stauffer and Steven Stauffer will miss her loving ways and wonderful smile. Emily is survived by five great-grandchildren, Miranda Eichelberger, Nicole Serfass, Morgan and Christopher Stolarik and Kendall Stauffer.

Emily and Robert were members of several bowling leagues in the Lancaster area along with being active members at the Long Memorial United Methodist Church, Neffsville, PA. Emily gave her time and energy and love for over twenty-five years to many children who attended her Sunday School classes.

She worked at the Neffsville Frozen Food Lockers, Watt and Shand, was the manger of the Sears "Snackett" at the Lancaster Shopping Center and the Sears restaurant in Park City for many years.

During her years at United Zion, she has been provided with wonderful care by her aides and nurses. She enjoyed the friendship of the ladies who read to her and visited with her. She always had a positive attitude, a smile and kind heart despite her disabilities. Emily especially loved playing cards, the Saturday night ice cream and watching the Lawrence Welk show with her special roommates.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the United Zion Retirement Community, 722 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz. There will be a visitation from 2:30 P.M. till time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that those wishing to, may make memorial contributions be made to the United Zion Retirement Community, 722 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz, PA 17543.