



L. Evelyn Smith

L. Evelyn Smith, 89, Lancaster, PA, changed her permanent residence to Heaven to peacefully be with Her Lord on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Born in Harrisburg, she was the daughter of the late Ralph W. and Lily Mohler Gonder. Evelyn was blessed to enjoy 66 years of marriage to Robert E. Smith, Sr. of Lancaster.

As a small child, she learned to love the Lord at the Lititz Church of the Brethren. After her marriage, her family were members of St. Paul's U.C.C., later becoming the Church of the Apostles. For many years, Evelyn was an officer in the church's Rose Circle. She also was active in the Lancaster Chapter of the Christian Women's Club.

After graduating with honors from Lititz High School, Evelyn attended both Elizabethtown College and Millersville University, where she later resumed her studies, graduating in 1957 with a B.S. degree in elementary education. Evelyn's students brought her much joy whether in the one-room Doe Run schoolhouse during the 1930's or in the many elementary classrooms where she served as a substitute teacher for more than 30 years.

Serving others was a passion of Evelyn's as she ministered to others through Brownies, Girl Scouts, Meals on Wheels, Four Corner Club and as a poll worker at election time in Lancaster. Lovingly she knitted baby blankets for family members and for her mission organizations in third world countries. Many knew her for her oil paintings as well as for her knitting projects which represented the gifts from her heart.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by three daughters, Jean E., wife of Ronald L. Woland of Silverdale, PA, Susan L., wife of Gerald H. Ackerman, Sr., of Lancaster, and Evelyn Ann, wife of Richard Henderson of Coatesville, PA; one son, Robert E. Smith, Jr. of E. Petersburg, PA; two sisters, Hilda Holbrook and Betty Mulhollen; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral service from the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home on Monday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

If desired, contributions in Mrs. Smith's memory may be sent to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. For further information or to send an on-line condolence, please visit www.kearneyasnryderfuneralho...