



Helga Barisits

Helga Barisits, 85, passed away peacefully at home on September 4, sixteen months after first being diagnosed with cancer. She was born in Hoednitz, Moravia in 1923, and after being widowed in 1944, married John F. Barisits. The couple returned to the United States in 1954 and settled in Lancaster, where both worked for RCA.

Helga whose education was interrupted by the war, received her B.A. in German from Millersville State University in 1970 at the age of 47, and her Master's Degree two years later. She taught German in both the Middle school and high school of Manheim Township for many years, and after retiring continued to teach German to gifted 4th grade students in various schools of the Hempfield School District. She was a member of the Lancaster Liederkrantz, and in 1980 became a member of the Liederkrantz Chorus.

Helga Barisits is survived by her husband, John, and her brother Ernst Hochberger of Montgomery, TX, as well as by her son Michael Barisits and daughter, Margot Norris, her grandson Josef Norris, and her great-grandson Adrian Norris. She lost her beloved daughter, Irene Frantz, in 1992. Helga was greatly loved for her charm, her warmth, and her kindness, and will be sorely missed by her grieving family and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph St, Lancaster PA 17603 on Monday, September 8th, 2008 at 11AM with Rev. Joseph C. Hilbert as Celebrant. There will be a viewing from 10AM until the time of the service. Interment will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Bausman. Contributions may be made in Helga's memory to St. Joseph Church Restoration Fund. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel Inc., Lititz Pike, Lititz PA., 560-5100. To send an online condolence, please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com