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Hilda Marie Plank Ament

Hilda Marie Plank Ament, wife of the late Miles K. Ament, went to be with Lord on August 21, 2008. She was born on April 1, 1922, to Barbara Tshudy Plank and Diller Plank. She was a dedicated, loving, warm and witty wife, mother, and grandmother.

Hilda was a graduate of the West Lampeter High School and the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Professional Nurse. During World War II, She was a Lieutenant JG with US Navy Nurse Corps. She then worked as a campus nurse at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA.

After returning to Lancaster, Mrs. Ament served in numerous volunteer and benevolent capacities. She was a Charter Member and first Vice President of the Lancaster Jane-Cees, auxiliary to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. She was president of XYZ, the American Business Club Auxiliary and a member of the Professional Engineers Auxiliary. Hilda headed the Blind Association project to provide free eye testing to pre-school children, served 6 years on the board of the Lancaster Day Nursery, helped tutor in the Right to Read Program, and also helped in a program for abused children.

Mrs. Ament was instrumental in working to promote the establishment of No Smoking areas in local hospitals and restaurants. She served as president of GASP, Group Against Smoker's Pollution, the Huff and Puff Club, and was a board member of the Lancaster County Lung Association for 8 years. For her untiring efforts, she was awarded the Clean Indoor Air Award in 1984.

She was a member of Media Heights Country Club in Lancaster, a charter member of the Kelly Greens Garden Club in Ft. Myers, Florida, and a member of the Health Advisory Committee at Carpenters Estates in Lakeland, Florida.

Hilda was active at each of her churches. In Lancaster, she was superintendent of the nursery at St. Andrews United Church of Christ, then assisted as Circle Leader and Co-Chairperson of the women's group at Trinity Lutheran Church. When she moved to Florida, she was an active member of Chapel by the Sea in Ft. Myers, and of Faith Presbyterian Church of Cape Coral. Most recently, she was a member of the Central Congregational Church of Lynn, Mass.

Hilda will be lovingly remembered by her 3 daughters: Judy Petrasek, wife of Geoff, in Lancaster, Sheron Davis, wife of Rashid, in Atlanta, Georgia, Sue Bizerra, wife of Marlon in Mulberry, Florida, and her son, Mike Ament, husband of Gretchen, in Hawaii, her 10 ten grandchildren: Rich, Rob and Brad Petrasek, Jesse, Brian, and Derrick Ament, Laurie Harnish, Doug, Leslie and Danny Bizerra, 10 great grandchildren, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her sister, Violet Weller, and her brother, Jay Plank.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Hilda's Life Celebration on Saturday, August 30, 2008, at 1:00 PM, at the Kearney Snyder Funeral Home, 141 E. Orange Street, in Lancaster, PA. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the American Lung Association, 101 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603. For other information or to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnryderfuneralho...