

Viola Shenk Gochnauer Landis Homes Resident

Viola Shenk Gochnauer, 91, of Lititz went to be with the Lord Thursday evening at Landis Homes. Born November 6, 1916, in Groffdale PA, she was a daughter of the late Mahlon W., and Elsie V. (Harnish) Martin.

Mrs. Gochnauer was a member of East Petersburg Mennonite Church, where she had been active in the church's Sunday School and sewing circle. Viola enjoyed babysitting, embroidery, sewing and crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Gochnauer is predeceased by her first husband, Adam M. Shenk. She is survived by her two daughters: Shirley A., wife of Laurence King, of New Holland, and Nancy L. Shenk of Lancaster; two sons: Jay D., husband of Barbara J. Shenk, of Maumee, Ohio, and John C., husband of Nancy Elaine Shenk, of Lancaster; eight grandaughters: Karen Haldeman, Marilyn Martin, Jana Peachey, Beverly King, Kate Hadjolian, Cindy Rocray, Kim Johnsen, and Jennifer Fox; and fourteen great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Arlene, wife of Martin Brubaker, and a brother M. Richard, husband of Beulah Martin. Mrs.Gochnauer is preceded in death by her sisters: Eva Horst, Ruth Nark, and Dorothy Peters, her brothers: Jacob, Leroy, Samuel, and Robert Martin. Mrs. Gochnauer is also preceded in death by her second husband, Henry B. Gochnauer, whom she married July 12, 1986. She is survived by his sons: Robert, husband of Mary Anne Gochnauer, of Lancaster, and Donald, husband of Dorthea Gochnauer, of Lancaster, and several of his grand and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at East Petersburg Mennonite Church, 6279 Main St., East Petersburg, with Rev. Bill Blank and Chaplain Glenn Metzler officiating. Viewings will be 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the church on Wednesday; and Tuesday evening, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at East Bethany Chapel, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Rd., Lititz.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Viola's memory may be made to the Caring Fund at Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Rd., Lititz, PA 17543. Gundel Funeral Home Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements, for additional information or to send a condolence please call 393-1776, or visit www.gundelfuneralhome.com