



Audrey A. McComsey

June 25, 2016

Audrey A. McComsey, 81, of Lancaster, died on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Ephrata Manor. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Roy L. and Esther N. Ressel McComsey.

Audrey graduated from J. P. McCaskey High School and West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education and received a Masters of Education from Temple University. She was a physical education teacher for 31 years, teaching at Edward Hand Junior High School for 27 years, retiring in 1988. She was a Senior Tax Advisor for H&R Block in Reading, PA, and taught advance tax classes for 16 years. Audrey also served on the Pulmonary Rehab Board at Lancaster General Hospital. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Audrey was a two-time All American Softball player and the 1st woman to be selected into the PA Softball Hall of Fame in Sunbury in 1988.

She is survived her three great nieces, Heather of wife of Mark Perullo, Charlotte, NC, Ashley Clark of Jersey City, NJ, Jocelyn, wife of Chris Unger, Quarryville, PA. She was preceded in death by her sister, June D. Alexander, a niece, Sandra L. Fuller, and a niece, Robin L. Clark.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of the Good Shephard
750 GreenField Road
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Audrey A. McComsey*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Ms. McComsey I was privileged to get to know while going to Edward Hand Jr High and I liked her very much, as everyone I know also did. RIP Audrey!!!*

Wayne Thompson - July 26, 2016 at 12:26 PM

“ My name is Charles R. Shuffelbottom DMD, grandson of Charles A. Ressel. I was fortunate enough to get to know Audrey through a mutual interest in family history. She was a real wealth of information for me. We went over old pictures, discussed relatives, and compared notes on people we both had known. We were able to get together for dinners , and she eventually became a patient of mine.

Audrey was a very impressive person, and I respected what she had accomplished in life. I enjoyed her stories of her dogs, and got to meet her last dog(I think she called him Josh). Unfortunately, Audrey started fighting Alzheimers right after my wife Kathleen was also diagnosed with the disease. I lost contact with her when she went to Lancashire Homes. I was a sole caregiver, and had little time for visiting or much else.

I will be out of town when her memorial service is held, so I will not be able to attend. I am sorry I will miss an opportunity to meet some distant relatives that I only have heard about through Audrey. I do want to pay my respects, so this my only avenue to do so. Please know she was a very special person to me , and I will miss her and her knowledge of family affairs.

I am also a friend of Pastor Mark Russel, and he knew we were second cousins. When we would bump into each other, he would catch me up on Audrey's condition, so I knew she was having problems. It truly is a devastating disease. I send my deepest sympathy to her surviving family, and hope that we may cross paths someday.

Charles R. Shuffelbottom D. M. D. - July 19, 2016 at 09:30 PM



Hi Charles,

Thank you for the very nice message. Once things have settled down, it would be great to go over some of the family tree items I have found.

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All the best,

Ashleigh (great niece)

A Clark - July 24, 2016 at 02:07 PM

MW

“ *Marcei Woods lit a candle in memory of Audrey A. McComsey*



Marcei Woods - July 06, 2016 at 11:51 AM



Miss. McComsey ;

To the family: sending my prayers for healing during this time. She was a great teacher and boss. During my time at Edward Hand as a student I was the sitter for Miss. McComsey's Mom sorry don't remember her name but she was a great woman and told great stories about the Civil War.....I learn a lot from her and Miss. McComsey my brother David also work for her in her apartment rentals so she was like family to us when she would return us home from work - she always ask what was for dinner and was there a plate for her ? and our answer was always YES. Will miss her but know she is in a better place.

Marcei Woods - July 06, 2016 at 12:00 PM

DM

“ Audrey and I grew up in the same neighborhood on E. Marion Street, she on the 700 block, I lived on the 600 block. A few memories include playing kick the can under the street lights on hot summer nights and her father watching baseball on his TV (black & white back then). His was one of the first TV's in the neighborhood. Audrey and I attended Wickersham Elementary School, then Ed. Hand Jr. High, and subsequently graduated together from McCaskey H.S. My condolences to Audrey's family. Don Martin, Willow Street, PA.



Donald Martin - July 05, 2016 at 09:09 AM

PN

“ My deepest condolences to Audrey's family and all of her closest friends. I was fortunate enough to be a fellow teacher and friend of hers for sixteen years. Her cheerful and happy disposition definitely influenced me and other teachers and students.
Paul Nicklaus

Paul Nicklaus - July 02, 2016 at 11:23 AM

LA

“ I purchased Aud's house on Orange St in Lancaster in 1980. She loved green paint. Lost contact with her but I knew she had some health issues. So sorry to see that she passed.

Lorraine "Snip" Allison - June 30, 2016 at 09:05 AM

NH

“ I am so shocked and sadden by the news of Ms McComsey's passing. She was one of my favorite physical education teachers. She is one of three reasons I am a physical education teacher today. We had lots of fun and laughs in her classes at Hand. I will never forget her. She was a totally an awesome woman, role-model and teacher!



Niecy Houston

Niecy Houston - June 29, 2016 at 01:15 PM

A
Clark

Thank you Niecy! She was one of a kind! -Ashleigh (great niece)

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:26 PM

AN

“ Audrey had always been a wonderful neighbor. Her hearty laugh, love of dogs (the bigger the better), love of being Irish (flying the orange, green and white flag), love of the Dallas Cowboys and fun-loving spirit will be missed. She had a sensitive and generous spirit, who always placed her family first.

Eternal rest grant unto Audrey, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May all the souls of the faithful departed, especially at this time, Audrey McComsey, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

John and Annette Bart

Annette - June 29, 2016 at 11:20 AM

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Clark

Thank you! -Ashleigh

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:28 PM

SW

“ I worked with Audrey at Edward Hand and commuted back and forth with her. So many good times and laughs with her they are too numerous to even begin to mention. I was a new teacher when I met Audrey and she helped me get started in my teaching career. Not sure I ever saw Audrey when she was not smiling, laughing, and having a good time (Usually, right after she had just played a good natured joke on someone) . Her students loved her and I respected her for the person and teacher she was. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

Stuart Wahl

Stuart Wahl - June 29, 2016 at 10:35 AM

A
Clark

Thank you, Stuart. She loved playing jokes on people.

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:29 PM

DG

“ MRS , McComsey, very patient gym teacher. My condolences to the family. I had her at Edward Hand Junior High. They just don't have teachers like her anymore. She was caring and kind. She was truly interested in what your plan for the future was. RIP!

Dj griffith - June 29, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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Clark

Thank you, DJ!

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:30 PM

MS

“ McComsey as me and sharon and helene called her, she was my first basketball coach at Hand, she was a mentor, teacher, friend. She taught me many life lessons, me and my friends would go to her home all the time on the weekends like we were her daughters we hung out, she fed us , whatever we needed, whenever we needed McComsey was there for me and my friends.

Marchel Wilson Simmons

MARCHEL SIMMONS - June 29, 2016 at 09:01 AM

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Clark

Thank you for the kind words. She irreplaceable!

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:31 PM

JH

Miss McComsey was my 7th grade homeroom teacher and I loved her, she made my transition to Jr. High easy. When I was a senior I failed senior health and couldn't receive my diploma unless I made it up in summer school. Miss McComsey was my summer school teacher. She taught me in 6 weeks what I couldn't or wouldn't learn in a whole school year. She didn't understand why, until I explained to her I only went to about 6 or 8 classes all year because I really disliked the teacher. Boy did I get a lecture from her. She was a great teacher and a wonderful person and I've thought of her often over the years. May you rest in peace Miss McComsey.

Jack Hohenadel - June 30, 2016 at 04:46 PM

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Clark

Thank you, Jack, for the nice memory.

A Clark - July 24, 2016 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ I worked with Audrey at Edward Hand Jr High. I'm very sorry to hear she has passed away. I last saw her at Lancashire Hall when my singing group - "Spirit in Song"- performed there. She was a great teacher and a good friend. I hope to attend her Memorial Service.

Darlene Berchin - June 29, 2016 at 08:52 AM

A
Clark

Thank you for the kind words!

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:37 PM

KK

“ Dear Heather, Ashley and Jocelyn,
Thank you for taking care of your great aunt all these years. I did not get to visit with her in Ephrata, but did when she was at Elderwood. It is always hard to know what to say at his time, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. I taught with Aud at Edward Hand and many years ago spent time at her home on Orange Street and on her boat at the bay. I also got to meet your grandmother and mother; she is with them again. I shall miss her hardy laugh, but I know she is happier now, free from her mental and physical health problems. She is probably getting a softball game together already. She will be remembered by many of her colleagues and students. I hope to be able to attend the Memorial Service. Kathy Kuzmiak

Kathleen Kuzmiak - June 29, 2016 at 08:00 AM

RG

I remember Miss McComsey at Edward Hand. Being from a softball family I knew her history when she played fastpitch. I googled her phone 3 about a year and half ago. Her care taker said she might not remember you. Well she was having a good day, and said Rex I remember all your red hair. Well we talked about her softball career and Teams. When I called later she was moved because I couldn't get a hold of her. I would love some picture or article of her softball days to add to Lancaster Pa softball page on Facebook. RIP miss McComsey.

Rex Giberson - June 29, 2016 at 09:59 AM



Hi Rex, my name is Ashleigh, I'm one of "Miss McComsey's" great nieces. Here is my email, aclark423@gmail.com, I can email you a photo :). Thank you for the kind words.

A Clark - June 29, 2016 at 07:36 PM



Audrey was the best friend anyone could have, and she was a fabulous person: kind, sensitive, generous, very intelligent, a true renaissence woman. One could go on and on saying what a unique and wonderful person she was. Anyone who loved doing taxes as much as she did would have to be unique. She was always helping someone; she couldn't say no to anyone. Aud and I spent hours outside cracking jokes while maintaining the lawn, flowers, and trees. I miss her already. I hope to see her in the great beyond.

Dottie Scheele

Dorothy Scheele - July 04, 2016 at 04:21 PM