



## Eloise Rettew

October 9, 2020

The PA Dutch would say, “Hoch dich anne”. On Friday, October 9th, 2020, Eloise sat down one final time to rest at her apartment in Mount Joy, after a full life.

The daughter of Harry B. and Lily Ludwig Kauffman, she was born in 1928 and raised in Lititz, PA, before it was considered the “coolest small town”.

She graduated from Lititz High School in 1946. Eloise was a cheerleader and a member of the field hockey team that won the county championship in '45.

Fred Rettew caught her eye and married her at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lititz. They remained married for 70 years. Fred died in April, 2018.

Eloise was a rabid Penn State Football fan and occasionally joined the alumni bus for away games.

She volunteered as a docent at Wheatland for five years in the 70's and enjoyed a “slumber party” with the other docents at the mansion one night. Four daughters survive her; Carol (Tom Eisemann), Lititz; Sally (Michael Forry), Mount Joy; Gail (Bob Funk), Mount Joy; Amy (Doug Helman), Millersville.

Also surviving are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is pre-deceased by sisters: Dorothy Meiskey and Vera Mowery and two brothers: Harry Kauffman and Franklin Kauffman.

Eloise will rest with her husband at Indiantown Gap Cemetery in a private interment.

We would like to thank Hospice & Community Care of Mount Joy for their wonderful service.

# Tribute Wall

BZ

“ On behalf of my mother, Nadine Hanna, I am sending deepest sympathies to the Rettew family. My parents, John and Nadine Hanna, were close friends of Eloise and Fred. They always spoke highly of them. I , myself, am remembering Eloise, her kindness and gentleness. My mom recently spoke of Eloise, wanting to know how she was. My own mom struggles with short term memory, but speaks of Eloise, their cheerleader days and their long life friendship like it was last week. My father died 2 yrs ago. I have old photos of the four of them, always laughing and so young and beautiful. May you find peace and comfort in your memories. I, too, send my deepest sympathy to you. Bev Hanna Zimmerman

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**Bev Zimmerman** - October 19, 2020 at 11:32 AM

SG

“ I am honored and blessed to have known Eloise and often think of her gentle spirit and welcoming hospitality. Wishing your family comfort and peace, especially during this difficult season. Steve Graybeal

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**Steve Graybeal** - October 18, 2020 at 11:01 AM

MW

“ I remember Mrs. Rettew as a friendly, kind woman with a wonderful smile! Who loved all her daughters and their friends. May she be resting eternally in peace. Love, Marty Wedge-Blake

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**Marty Wedge-Blake** - October 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM