



Violet May Forrest

January 27, 2017

Violet May Forrest died on Friday morning, January 27, 2017. Her nail polish was perfect and she was wearing two rings and a necklace. If you knew her, you aren't surprised. She was 96.

She was the daughter of the late Jacob and Mayme Hummer Howard of Lititz. Vi was born on May 3, 1920 into a family that would have eight children. She grew up in Lititz and graduated from Lititz High School in 1938. She was the last remaining member of her class.

Vi was married in 1941 to the late David H. Forrest, Jr., who died on September 10, 2001. They spent their later years taking cruises and traveling with friends. They were married for 59 years.

Vi had a number of jobs over the years. She worked as a window trimmer at downtown stores. And she worked in the kitchen of Lafayette Elementary School. But her favorite job was making slipcovers for sofa and chairs. She continued to sew slipcovers into her 80s.

Violet had many dear friends who shared their time with her. She loved going out for dinner or lunch, playing pinochle or poker, sewing, and quilting hot pads. She liked to swim and enjoyed the pool at Valleybrook and the shore. She loved to read.

Vi was an active member of Otterbein United Methodist Church for 73 years.

A long-time resident of Valleybrook, she lived at Ephrata Manor where a wonderfully caring staff took care of her.

She is survived by a daughter, Davene D. McFalls and her husband, Chas of Lancaster; two grandchildren: David S. McFalls and wife, Yahna (Conroy) of Ephrata and Molly K. Donia of Downingtown and companion, Mark Jimmyer; and five great grandchildren: Liam, Loghan, and Finn McFalls and Carter and Gavin Donia. She is also survived by her sister, Thelma Magee of Brethren Village. Violet was preceded in death by her sisters: Mary Ellen Howard, Irene Howard Floyd, and by brothers, James Howard, Chet Howard, Fred Howard and Larry Howard.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to celebrate her life in a Memorial Service to be held at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 E. Clay Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday February 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jonette Gay officiating. Private family interment will be held at Riverview Burial Park, Lancaster, PA. The family will receive friends at a luncheon following the service. Memorial contributions may be made in Violet's memory to the church at the address above.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Otterbein United Methodist Church
20 E. Clay Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Kay Yoder, CNA Ephrata Manor lit a candle in memory of Violet May Forrest*



Kay Yoder, CNA Ephrata Manor - February 13, 2017 at 12:07 PM

JH

“ *heartfelt sympathy to Davene, husband & family for the loss of your lovely Mom. Vi was a delightful lady and we really enjoyed having her in our water aerobics class at Valleybrook pool. She was an inspiration to us all for her example of growing "older" gracefully. Now I am one of the senior members of the class! With love and prayers to all who will miss her smile. Fondly, Jo Hannigan*

jo hannigan - February 09, 2017 at 08:57 AM

PY

*Dear Davey and family,
Saw online about your mother. What a beautiful lady. Condolences to you and the family. Eternal rest can be a real blessing.
Pat Young*

pat young - February 09, 2017 at 10:27 AM

SW

*Dear Davey and family,
I learned to know your mother when I was A patient atEphrata manor recovering from a car accident. We had are meals together , and became good friends. She was a wonderful lady and loved the Lord very much . Our loss is heavens gain!
Shirley Wilk*

Shirley W. - February 09, 2017 at 09:38 PM

MS

Violet became my most precious and beautiful friend during my first stay at Ephrata Manor for rehab after surgery in August, 2015. We kept in contact after I went home and when I was there after a second surgery, we were glad to be together again. My third stay at the Manor was in September, 2016, again for rehab and Violet and I were roommates. I have never in my life made such a beautiful connection with anyone in my life. We enjoyed each other's company for the entire time I was there. Yes, her nails were beautifully done. I did them for her. She was so loved by all the CNA's and nurses. She was a lady of beauty and class. I will miss you, Violet. You will be forever in my heart.

Marge Stewart - February 10, 2017 at 05:57 PM