



Elizabeth Traub Peterson

March 1, 1911 - June 22, 2008

Wynnewood, PA

Elizabeth Traub Peterson, 97, of Roselle Park, NJ, President of Peterson Real Estate Associates, went Home to be with her Lord on June 22, 2008.

She was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to Elizabeth (Prediger) and George Traub, attended Roselle Park schools and was a graduate of Drake Business School. On March 4, 1933, she was united in marriage to William J. Peterson in Elizabeth, NJ, for a blessed marriage of 36 years.

Elizabeth Peterson started her business career at Weimar Storage Company where she did everything as the bosses sat back in their chairs and smoked cigars! She was bookkeeper, secretary and coordinator of the warehouse auctions. In the '40s the son of the owner wanted to start an oil transportation business. Elizabeth and William went into partnership with him and began Con. Weimar, Inc. in Elizabeth, NJ. In 1963, they bought out their partner and relocated and expanded the business to 40 tractors and trailers to Linden, NJ, where Elizabeth was Vice President and bookkeeper. They delivered all of the jet fuel to Eastern Airlines at Newark Airport prior to the pipeline being established. Prior to her husband's death in 1969 they sold the business. The property was retained and she later incorporated Peterson Real Estate Associates as the President.

One of the highlights of Elizabeth's life was her 90th birthday celebration where over 160 family, from all over US and Germany, and friends gathered. "Over the Rainbow", was a surprise party at Evangel Church where she was

the oldest member. She wore red ruby slippers and walked down the "Yellow Brick Road" to don her graduation robe and received her high school diploma as well as a citation from the governor of New Jersey. Several newspapers covered the event! Interestingly, when she was in high school, Elizabeth tutored a football player who later became the Superintendent of schools! However, her mother had taken her out of high school to work to help finance bringing other relatives from Germany...Elizabeth would help them with their English pronunciations, such as: "it isn't a locomotive" but rather a "choo choo train", and that "knife" was pronounced "kniffee"!) Several months after the party, Elizabeth broke her hip. Within two months of rehabilitation she was able to walk at the actual graduation of the 2001 Roselle Park High School class in order to present two scholarships in her name.

Subsequently, at age 92, she developed Stage 3 breast cancer, had a mastectomy and radiation. During those times she was able to share her love of the Lord with others. In the past few years she had also participated in the Race for the Cure (rounding the laps being pushed in a traveling chair!) In September 2008 she would have celebrated her 5 years cancer free anniversary.

Elizabeth Peterson was also known for her wonderful baking. Her blueberry kuchen was featured with photos in the Elizabeth Daily Journal. This was not surprising as her mother, a German immigrant, was the cook for Thomas Edison. Elizabeth also enjoyed

playing the piano and gardening, especially her roses and tomatoes, but Mollie and Millie, the miniature schnauzers, were her special companions and joys.

Of everything in Elizabeth's life, her focus was always on the Lord and encouraging others to get to know Him as their personal Savior. She wrote the words and music to "He is my Hope":

He is my hope, He is my strength, He is my everything, and daily praise to Him I sing. When things go wrong as oft they do, He is the one who sees me

through. For He is my hope, He is my strength. He is my everything.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Janis Peterson of Wynnewood, PA, her niece, Verna Weber of New Port Richey, FL, her nephew, Albert Chamberlain of Galloway Township, NJ, special friends Eric Chesloff of Bryn Mawr, PA and Richard Schwartz of Hillsborough, CA as well as many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, Elizabeth Peterson was preceded in death by her husband in 1969 and sisters Louise Creter, Gertrude Chamberlain, Edith Steeg, Agnes Dormand and brother Harry Lehman

We will remember her life at a graveside service at Graceland Memorial Park, 1900 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ, at 11:00am, Thursday, June 26th. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Grace Chapel c/o Seniors Ministry, 1 West Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083