



Esther Mae Hall Handschuh

February 19, 1922 - June 2, 2008

Esther Mae Hall Handschuh of West Chester and formerly of Wynnewood, PA died on Monday June 2, 2008 at Park Lane at Bellingham, after a short illness. She was 86 years old.

She was born February 19, 1922, in York, PA, the daughter of Thomas Freas and Myrtle Eckert Hall. She graduated from Red Lion High School in 1939 and received a B.S., magna cum laude, from the Pennsylvania State University in 1943. She was a member of Omicron Nu, Phi Lambda Theta, and Alpha Lambda Delta. After an internship at the Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit, she served as a food inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in New York and Florida from 1943 to 1945.

She married her college sweetheart, the late Charles E. Handschuh, after his return from Naval service in the Aleutian Islands. Mr. Handschuh maintained an architectural practice in Wynnewood for nearly 40 years, and Mrs. Handschuh was his secretary and office manager. She and her husband were avid travelers, having visited both Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, China, Japan, and Australia.

Mrs. Handschuh was active in the Girl Scouts, including service as the Penn Wynne neighborhood chairman and on the Girl Scout Committee of Philadelphia. She also served on the Penn Wynne Library board. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, where she taught

Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ardmore, where she served on the Global Missions Committee.

After her husband's death in 2004, she moved to Bellingham Retirement Community in West Chester where she enjoyed entertaining her fellow residents at the piano with popular tunes of the 20's, 30's, and 40/s.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna H. Carson and Paula H. Struble of West Chester, four grandchildren, Eleanor B. Carson-Walter and Charles G. Carson of Rochester, NY, Mark D. Struble and Grant E. Struble of West Chester, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Lutheran church, 730 South New Street,

West Chester, PA 19382 on Monday June 9, at 11am. Interment will be private.

Contributions in her memory may be made to either the Chester County Hospital Foundation, 701 East Marshall Street, West Chester, PA 19380, or the Neighborhood Hospice, 400 E. Marshall St., West Chester, PA 19380.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Lutheran Church
730 South new Street
West Chester, PA

Tribute Wall



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“ May she rest in peace.

We pray for the repose of her soul. Her many contributions to
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