



Grace P. Benson

June 11, 1910 - May 17, 2010

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Grace Plotner Benson, Pioneer Culinary TV personality, died May 17, 2010 in Bryn Mawr, PA one month short of her 100th birthday.

Grace was born June 11, 1910 in Ambler, PA, the eldest of five children of Elsie Mildred and Joseph Plotner. Grace graduated from Drexel University in 1933 with a degree in Home Economics. After a brief time at F.W. Woolworth & Co where she managed their restaurant in Atlantic City, she began her forty year career with the Philadelphia Electric Co. In her early years she helped pioneer the first cooking programs on Philadelphia TV and later had her own radio program. She produced cooking programs in theaters and on radio to promote "Live Better Electrically". In 1966, after building many successful and innovative programs, in she was made the Director of Home Service Department & Residential Lighting.

In 1968 she was the winner of the first Edison Electric Home Service Sales Promotion Award. In 1988 she was honored by Drexel, her alma mater, with the Harriet E. Worrell Distinguished Alumna Award for her professional achievements and service to the university. She also received numerous additional professional awards at both the local and national level in home economics.

In retirement she continued to be active in the home economics field. In addition she served on many community boards. Grace was involved at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church where she was a member for over 60 years.

Grace Benson was preceded in death in 1987 by her beloved husband, Arthur C. Benson, Sr. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Jean Benson of Michigan, and her son Arthur C. Benson, Jr. and his wife, Donna, of Colorado.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ We will truly miss our beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt. What a gracious, kind and wonderful human being. Always there when needed, without being asked. We will always remember the wonderful times spent at her home during the holidays. They were the best.##imported-begin##Don & Nancy Plotner, Carol & Lauren Romansky##imported-end##

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“ A beautiful and talented lady has passed on. Her leaving diminishes us all. how fortunate we were to have had her friendship for so many years. May God be good to her--how could be be otherwise?##imported-begin##Dick & Hilda Donovan##imported-end##

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