



Helen E. Stephens

November 2, 1907 - January 20, 2012

Helen E. Stephens 104 of Bryn Mawr, PA January 20, 2012 after a brief illness. One of the first residents of the Beaumont Retirement Community in Bryn Mawr, she initiated regular art exhibitions and organ concerts, the latter after helping, with the assistance of the University of Pennsylvania, to rebuild the Aeolian organ built into the mansion around which the community was built. Previously, she was a resident for 40 years of Penn Wynne, PA where she was active in the library and civic society. She was a well-known local artist, and was an ice dancer at the Philadelphia Skating and Humane Society in Ardmore until she was 94. She was the wife of William E. Stephens, a physicist who became Chair of the Physics Department and then Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. He died in 1980. At Penn she helped found the University of Pennsylvania Faculty Tea Club. She was born in Schenectady, NY and grew up in St. Louis MO, attending art school and then running a hotel gift shop until her marriage in 1943 when they moved to Philadelphia.

She is survived by son Richard B. of Del Mar, CA, granddaughters Robin of Galveston

TX, Elizabeth H. of Palo Alto, CA, and grandson Benjamin K. of Seattle, WA.

She will

be greatly missed.

An organ concert in her memory followed by a reception is planned for 4 pm on Saturday

17 March at the Beaumont Retirement Community, 601 N. Ithan Ave., Bryn Mawr.

Donations in her name can be made to the Penn Wynne Library, 130 Overbrook

Parkway, Wynnewood, PA (http://www.lmls.org/lib_pennwynne.html).