



Jean Reynolds Davis

November 1, 1927 - February 25, 2015

Jean Reynolds Davis, 87, of Bryn Mawr, PA, died on February 25th, 2015 in her home.

Mrs. Davis was a published author and composer. She gave piano lessons to students of all ages for more than 60 years.

She was born in Cumberland, MD and grew up in Upper Darby, PA and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Fine Arts, majoring in piano performance and musical composition. Her published musical works include piano and choral music, sacred and secular, a ten-volume piano teaching series, two chamber operas, two symphonies, three short pieces for orchestra, several orchestral miniatures, a woodwind quintet, vocal, piano and other instrumental music. Her first chamber opera, *The Mirror*, was premiered on a Cultural Olympics Program of the University of Pennsylvania in the Philadelphia Academy of Music. Her symphonic ballet story for young people, *Shenandoah Holiday*, was commissioned, premiered, and given two other performances by the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Mrs. Davis authored three books published by Harper & Row which focused on her life as a minister's wife in suburban Philadelphia: *A Hat on the Hall Table*, *Parish Picnic*, and *To God With Love*. She wrote humorous articles published in *Philadelphia Magazine* and gave performances throughout the Tri-State

area, speaking before conventions and assemblages of Church groups, presenting humor and contemporary satire.

She was the daughter of the late Foster R. Reynolds and Wilhelmina Barrick Reynolds. She was married for 25 years to the late Rev. Warren H. Davis Jr and is survived by her two sons, Mark Reynolds Davis and Stephen S. Davis.

Her Service and Interment are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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“ I will never forget the Easter she played because the organist called in sick. She looked at me across the chancel, mouthed my name anthem music in hand and asked silently "Are we doing this in parts?" I nodded yes and hoped I was right.

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