



J. Margaret Ada Mutch

February 3, 1905 - January 27, 2012

Ms. J. Margaret Ada Mutch, a resident of Rosemont Presbyterian Village, died peacefully on Friday, January 27th, 2012, just a week before her 107th birthday. Ms. Mutch was born in Muthill, Perthshire, Scotland, and emigrated to the US in 1912 with her parents, The Reverend Dr. Andrew Mutch and Petrice Mutch, and her siblings, Tom, Mary, Tricey and Gordon. Reverend Mutch was the Pastor of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church from 1912 until he retired in 1936. Ms. Mutch was educated at The Baldwin School and then earned her Nursing Degree at the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital School in New York. She served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1946, retiring as the head of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps for the European Theatre with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She then returned to Columbia-Presbyterian where she earned her Masters Degree in Nursing. She remained at Presbyterian Hospital where she became the Assistant Director of Nursing while also serving as the Assistant Professor of Nursing at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. In 1955 she was hired as the Director of Nursing at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia where she remained until she retired in 1970. Ms. Mutch served as an ElderNet volunteer for many years by providing transportation and other services to the local community and she also served on the Board. Ms. Mutch received many honors during her life and career. In 1975 she was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. In 2009 she was honored with the Rotary International's Paul Harris Award for her lifetime of distinguished service including her military service. In 2010 she was named

as the oldest living alumna of The Baldwin School. In 2011, ElderNet honored her by opening the Ada Mutch Community Resource Center in Bryn Mawr. A Memorial Service will be held at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on February 11th, starting at 11:00 AM, followed by a Reception at the Church. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to either the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign, specifically towards the repair and restoration of the stained glass windows in place to honor Dr. Mutch, Ada's Father. Contact Sarah Miciek at 610-525-2821; or, to the Ada Mutch Scholarship Fund at Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 204 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010. Contact Mari Tantello by phone at 212-590-2443.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ I was so sorry to read of Aunt Ada's death. I have been trying to contact Polly Crookshank to let her know of my mother's recent death. She was Margaret Mutch and my father was Thomas Mutch from Edinburgh. I met them all when Aunt Ada last came to Scotland 13 years ago to present a picture of Andrew Mutch to Muthil Parish Church. I would be grateful if this email could be handed to Polly. Many thanks and please pass the condolences of the Mutch family from Scotland to the family.##imported-begin##alison walker##imported-end##

February 28, 2012 at 04:54 PM



“ Each summer I grew up with Ada Mutch on Echo Lake, in Fayette, Maine. Ada taught my mother to swim and taught me also. She also taught both of us swimming life-saving techniques. Ada was the dominant figure on our leg of Echo Lake for years, and she would keep all of us kids in line. I am 75 and still think of myself as a kid in relation to Ada. (I suspect that Ada would too.)##imported-begin##Reade H. Ryan, Jr.##imported-end##

February 10, 2012 at 04:34 PM



“ My years at BMPC carry many memories, but one of the foremost is of Ada. She greeted me soon after my arrival -- and also let me know what some of my duties would be! She was a delight and an inspiration.##imported-begin##Bill Arnold##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ Ada was an inspiration to us all...a real "minister" in her own right! I appreciated her spunk and willingness to share her life through wonderful stories. She "walked the talk"...a truly faithful woman!##imported-begin##Margaret Anne Fohl##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 09:28 AM



“ I have always admired Miss Mutch ever since I was student at Lankenau. She was the epitome of a professional nurse, supervisor and head of nursing. She was admired by the nursing students, nursing staff and the doctors plus the rest of the hospital staff. They don't make nurses like her anymore. We always talked about her at our nursing reunions. We missed her when she left Lankenau but now she will always be watching over us. Thank you Miss Mutch for being you. Linda Spangler,RN,RNFA##imported-begin##linda spangler##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:38 PM



“ You have set an example how to live my life..caring for others..thank-you ,Aunt Ada..you will be missed.... You were a blessing in my life and there were caring people that were in yours...##imported-begin##margaret mutch taber##imported-end##

February 05, 2012 at 09:42 PM



“ We have such wonderful and diverse memories of Ada. Last summer we sat with her at the camp in Maine. I suggested that there were more souls waiting to welcome her to heaven than there were waiting here to say “Goodbye”. She agreed and said that she was at peace, but not yet ready to go. We promised that it would be on her terms: No screaming, no ambulance and no hospital. We were able to keep that promise thanks to the very kind and gentle help of a lot of people. I feel such overwhelming pride in that.##imported-begin##Andy Mutch##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ Aunt Ada was extraordinarily moved a few years ago when she received her first Mother’s Day card from me. “Of course,” I thought, “she should be thanked on Mother’s Day; after all, she is the matriarch of her community and her church as well as her familyand they are so entwined.” Yes, we ALL are her children.##imported-begin##Alice Neily Mutch##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 04:09 PM



“ my sincere and deepest condolences to the family, I love and will miss Ms Ada; my time spent with her will be in memory for a lifetime.##imported-begin##mala rajkumar##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 11:22 AM



“ My dear Miss Mutch, from the day I was interviewed and hired @ Lankenau Hospital in 1962, and for the many years I worked for you in different depts. and capacities, your image is what I wanted to attain! The LADY in her cap, cuban heels, and the "ben casey" style starched, white uniform. She was the "model" of what a nurse should look like to me. Her warm smile and encouraging words were so appreciated then and remembered today.
Thankyou, Miss Mutch###imported-begin##Dianne G. Mann###imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ My parents were the last couple Rev. Mutch married at Bryn Mawr church in 1936 and my mother and Ada remained friends until my mother's death at 97 years! Now they are all together again.###imported-begin##Nancy Furniss Azzam###imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 01:17 PM



“ I had the opportunity to visit Ada and hear her stories as a pastoral resident. She embraced me as one of her pastors, she at 104 and me just 28. Indeed, she was the matriarch of BMPC and blessed many with her compassion.###imported-begin##Susan Sytsma Bratt###imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ Thank you, Miss Ada, for generously sharing your memories of growing up in Converse House. I never tired of hearing your stories. You were amazing and an inspiration.###imported-begin##Kat MacMurray###imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Sweet Ada, The last five years have been a highlight of my life. I've never met anyone who has given so much to so many. God bless you. We all love you.##imported-begin##Bob Smith##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 10:32 PM



“ I was honored to drive Ada to many of her medical appointments when she still lived in her home next to Lankenau. I told her it was like spending time with my own mother, who died in 1980 but would be 103 if alive today!##imported-begin##Jerry Kreider##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 07:37 PM



“ 29 years of shared birthdays, 50 years apart. And so much more. Thank you dear friend and inspiration##imported-begin##Jeffrey Brillhart##imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 01:47 PM