



Rachael McKelvey Cleaves

March 21, 1910 - January 15, 2008

Rachel McKelvey Cleaves

Rachel McKelvey Cleaves (Rakie), wife of the late Henry F. Cleaves died on January 15th at the age of 97.

Born in Flemington, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1910 she graduated from the Hazleton High School, attended Dickinson College, and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University.

After serving as General Activities Secretary at the YWCA in Bar Harbor Maine, she came with her husband to The Haverford School where he was a teacher, and where she taught in the elementary grades for 35 years. She was resident manager and director of activities for many summers at the Beaumaris Yacht Club in Beaumaris, Ontario. She enjoyed playing tennis, helping others to learn to play, and organizing games with her friends. She was a member of the Bryn Mawr Racquet Club.

After her retirement she served as a volunteer for Meals-on-Wheels, and as librarian in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church tutoring program for the inner-city children. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, and was active in its Women's Society.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore at 2:00 on January 23rd.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meals-on-Wheels, The Haverford School Scholarship Fund for the Lower School, or to the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Ardmore, PA.

Previous Events

Service

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore
Corner Montgomery Ave. & Millcreek Road
Ardmore, PA