



## Anne Elizabeth Shroyer Shemeta

November 21, 1929 - January 18, 2026

Anne Elizabeth Shroyer Shemeta, a resident of Cornwall Manor Health Center, died peacefully on January 18, 2026. She was the much-loved wife of Joseph J. Shemeta, who predeceased her in 2017. Born on November 21, 1929, she was the daughter of Frances and David Shroyer of Annville, PA, where she grew up with her three siblings. Anne graduated from Annville HS in 1947; afterward, Lebanon Valley College was the “family school”, and Anne was the fourth generation to attend. As a music major, Anne sang in LVC’s Glee Club and two dance bands, graduating in 1951 with a BS in Music Education. After moving to Wilmington DE, she was Music Supervisor at Oak Grove Elementary School and married Joe in December ’52.

Music was the joy of Anne’s life—she was such an accomplished pianist that she could play anything by ear; no sheet music necessary. She also had a gorgeous voice and sang in various choral ensembles, as well as serving as a paid soprano at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wilmington. Anne’s first credo, “how can I keep from singing” kept her active in many ways: directing church junior choirs, operettas, and Christmas programs, while teaching her three children to sing along the way. Anne and Joe were co-owners of Burkholder’s Preschool for fifteen years, at which she influenced many young lives teaching music as well as how to skip, hop, and jump!

In addition to her preschool teaching, Anne was a homemaker extraordinaire,

devoted to her children and later grandchildren, a wonderful home decorator, a great cook and dinner party hostess, an avid Episcopalian, and an active volunteer for various organizations. She was especially close to her sister, Fran Bova; so intertwined were their lives that Cornwall Manor residents often had difficulty telling them apart.

Anne and Joe moved to Mount Gretna, PA in 1983, converting the summer place to a year-round home. They so enjoyed being close enough to the LVC campus to attend concerts and games; alumni events were among her favorite activities. For years, she was a faithful member of St Lukes Episcopal Church in Lebanon, Annville Home Study Circle, and Friends of Old Annville. She was also a two-time breast cancer survivor.

They soon began traveling to Florida in the winter, eventually staying Jan-April, basking in the warmth of Siesta Key Beach and loving the jazz concerts, symphony, ballet, movie operas, theater, and entertaining friends (Anne never met a stranger!).

Anne and Joe moved to Cornwall Manor in 2011, first to a duplex and then to an apartment together. Anne eventually moved to Corson assisted living and then to the Health Center. Over the years, Anne played the piano for many gatherings at the complex; she delighted in sharing “the oldies” and hosting sing-alongs with residents.

So loved by many, Anne is survived by two daughters, Susan Stachelczyk (Greg) of California, MD, and Ellen Keosseian (Jack) of Cornwall, PA, and son Andrew Shemeta (Christine) of Leonardtown, MD; two grandchildren, Christine Deighan (Patrick) of California, MD and Zachary Stachelczyk of Hollywood, MD; great-grandson Henry Deighan (parents Christie and Patrick); two step-grandchildren Ryan Bega of Minneapolis, MN and Nicole Hance (Cody) of California, MD; sister Lois Smith (Richard) of Oil City, PA; and many

beloved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Fran Bova of Cornwall Manor, and brother and sister-in-law David and Mary (Swope) Shroyer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lebanon Valley College Music Department or the Cornwall Manor Benevolent Fund.

A Celebration of Life for Anne will be held Saturday, February 28th at 1 pm in Zerr Chapel on the Cornwall Manor campus. Afterward, all are welcome to share memories with her family in the Cornwall Manor Auditorium.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Levi Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor

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**Susan Stachelczyk** - January 24 at 12:41 PM

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*She was my Music Teacher at Oak Grove School in the 50's. She had me perform in many "Minstrel" shows which allowed me to become a more developed youth. MANY years later, I was at services in St. Luke's in Lebanon and I heard this voice behind me singing. It was a moment I'll never forget as I knew who it was even though I had not seen her for over 50 years. I turned around and there she was. She was a wonderful, loving lady, and when my Wife and I, who lived in Toytown at the time, visited her at Cornwall Manor a couple of years ago, she acted as if Oak Grove was only days gone by. God has gained an angel, and society has lost a real gem. God bless!  
RIP Miss Shroyer.*

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