



Audrey Gray Sprenger

April 29, 1936 - November 11, 2010

Audrey Gray Sprenger, 74, passed away at her home in Lebanon, Pennsylvania on November 11, 2010 following a long battle with cancer. Audrey was born on April 29, 1936 at Oak Hill, Kansas but grew up in Parsons, Kansas. Her parents were Vincent and Faye Fischer Gray. Her childhood was filled with love, joy, and excitement. From the first grade to the completion of her Doctorate she excelled in her educational endeavors. Her intelligence and caring personality were a blessing to her many friends. Audrey was musically talented and participated in a variety of high school activities. There was hardly a dance that she wasn't invited to because of her grace and natural beauty. (This was duly noted by her loving and devoted husband, Bill.) Audrey was a Christian and a lifelong active member of the church. She taught Sunday School, served as Deacon, Elder and prayer group leader. She attended many church retreats, with her favorite being CFO camps. Audrey and her husband, William, were married in Lyndon, Kansas and moved to Shippensburg, PA. She was a faculty member in the Teacher Education Department and later Chairperson of the Department at Shippensburg University. Upon retirement in 1999 she and her husband moved to Lebanon, Pennsylvania to be closer to her daughter, Jennifer and three grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. Audrey graduated from Emporia State University with a BS and MS degree and in 1985 obtained her doctorate at Temple University. After graduating from Temple University, she worked for three years for the West Virginia Department of Education as Director of

Teacher Certification. She often talked about how much she liked working for the state department in West Virginia. Audrey's main interests were education, reading, involvement in church and loving her children and grandchildren. She loved traveling with her husband and wintered in New Mexico and South Carolina where her daughter, Debra lives. Audrey is survived by her husband William, at home; daughters, Debbie Gee, of Columbia, S.C., Robin Wade, of Lenexa, KS and Jennifer Evans of Richland, PA; sons Randall Dawson of San Antonio, TX, Karl Sprenger of Indiana, PA and Kurt Sprenger of Fishersville, VA; two brothers Arnold Gray of Prescott, AZ and a younger brother, Thomas Bayless in Parsons, KS; and 14 grandchildren all of who will miss her loving presence. She was preceded in death by her sister, Betty, who passed away July 30, 1998. Memorial services will be held on Monday November 15, 2010 at 1:00PM from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 600 S. 12th St. Lebanon, PA 17042. Inurnment will take place in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Public visitation will take place prior to the service from 12:00-1:00PM at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lebanon Valley College Relay for Life Team 101 N. College Ave. Annville, PA 17003.

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Tribute Wall

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“ For friends & family of Audrey's: “You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.”
...Harkins

Cheryl Zaccagnini - November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for you loss.

Rob Tritt - November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh what a loss. Michael and I are so sorry but oh, so thankful that she was a part of our lives for the last 15 years. She chaired the TED at Horton when I was hired and had just come back from my home state of WV. She was truly a blessing to all her knew her... when she retired, I gifted her with a book on Mother Teresa & she was so gracious. Our love and prayers are with you Bill and the entire family. We will so missing receiving her Christmas updates/card/letter this year. Bless you. Cheryl and Michael Zaccagnini

Cheryl Zaccagnini - November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bill, I was sorry to hear of Audrey's death. I have always been happy for you that you found your partner and happiness in your life. I wish you th best. Love, Susan*

Susan Stone - November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM