



Barbara J. Haber

January 3, 2017

Barbara J. Haber, 89, a former teacher, librarian, author and longtime resident of Mine Road, Lebanon, Pa., died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, in Cornwall Manor. She was the wife of Walter H. Haber to whom she would have been married 59 years this April. Born on Feb. 14, 1927, in Lebanon, she was the only child of the late U. Samuel and Ruth Donley Angle. Mrs. Haber was a 1944 graduate of Lebanon High School, a 1948 graduate of Millersville State Teachers College, now Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and received a master's degree in English from Cornell University. She worked as an English teacher and librarian at Henry Houck Elementary School in Lebanon, Annville-Cleona High School and Massapequa High School on Long Island, N.Y., in the 1950s. Mrs. Haber and her family lived for 17 years in Baldwin, Long Island, where Walter was director of the Baldwin Public Library, before she and her husband retired to her childhood home near Mount Gretna in 1986.

Avid bicyclists, the couple pedaled across the country to California that year and subsequently biked the mountainous perimeter of Pennsylvania and around Australia and Europe. Mrs. Haber wrote three coffee table books: "The National Air and Space Museum," "Washington" and "Pennsylvania," published by Smithmark Publishers Inc. Irrepressibly cheerful and friendly, Mrs. Haber retained a positive outlook despite suffering a stroke in March 2014 that left her unable to walk or swallow. Among her last words to her family in late December were, "This is the best Christmas ever." She attended Mount Hope Episcopal Church and was a member of the Annville

Home Study Circle, Lebanon Valley Bicycle Club, Cornwall Iron Furnace Association, Swatara Creek Water Shed Association and a Cornwall Manor-based book discussion group. In addition to her husband, survivors include daughter Jill M. Coffey, son-in-law Thomas Coffey and granddaughter Skyler Coffey of New York, N.Y., and daughter Holly A. Haber and grandson Dashiell Pashley of Dallas, Texas.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Barbara was a wonderful spirit, inside and out. I will miss her warm smile most of all. Rest in peace*

Samantha - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was always a bright light at the Baldwin Historical Society (NY) meetings in which she was the recording secretary. Connie and Bob Grando Bluffton, SC*

January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Barb and Walt have been official members of our family for over thirty years! They cheered every birth, encouraged every mile and loved every day. We left Lebanon twenty one years ago, but we never left Barb and Walt. Kansas City became a one night layover on their way to or from Texas. One special year they joined our Davis family reunion in Door County, Wisconsin. As an only child, Barb managed to install herself energetically and firmly into the heart of our family. Oh, how we will miss our punster from Punnsylvania!*

Sara and Gary Del Nero - January 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear of Barbra's passing. She had such a wonderful energy and was so thoughtful. We got to know her when we lived in Mt. Gretna. My boys loved going on bike rides with her and Walt. After we moved I only got to speak to her a few times. Prayers to Walt and her family and friends... The Hoyer Family*

Sherry Hoyer - January 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are going to miss our fun and loving Barbara. Thoughts and prayers be with all of the family.Love Mike and Donna

Mike Donley - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ IBarbara and I became good friends when her daughter Jill married my son Tom. We shared a love of our children, especially our "mutual" granddaughter Skyler Coffey. Much to our delight we shared an enjoyment of books, the theater and travel. Since her illness I have missed seeing her at family gatherings and now I will miss our telephone conversations.

Barbara Coffey - January 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Barbara,she had a positive attitude, an infectious smile and a genuine warmth about her. She will continue to hold a bright place, much like her love for the sunshine, in my heart.

January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ There are no words to express the loss of a loved one Isaiah 59:1 "Look! The hand of God is not too short to save, Nor is his ear too dull to hear."

Hines - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I am saddened by the passing of Barbara. Fond memories of biking and also sitting with her and Walt at the Cornwall Furnace Benefit Concert. The angels just received a gift.Prayers to your family.

Cynthia Eshleman - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *It is so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a tough Lady.
Prayers to the family.*

Ruth Barley - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM