



Blanche M. Schaeffer

May 2, 1921 - November 8, 2016

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Born in Woodland, CA on May 2, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Oakley and Minnie Boltz Hughes Wolf and was raised with her grandparents, Harry and Lottie Boltz.

For 35 years, she ran Schaeffer's Group Daycare out of her home at 50 N. King Street in Annville. She also worked for Annville Products, Hershey Foods Corp., and she did sewing for a local dry cleaner.

Blanche was a 1940 graduate of Annville High School, a member of Annville United Methodist Church and served on the Annville Council of Churches. She was a 30 year member and served as president and vice-president of the Friends of Old Annville. She also served on its fund raising committee and was the founder of Old Annville Days which she served as chairman for 20 years. Blanche was a Cub Scout Den Mother, founded the Annville Band Parents organization in 1958, served on the Annville West Election Board, and was a member of the Questers. She received the Citizenship Award from the Annville-Cleona Jaycees, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Friends of Old Annville, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Annville Rotary Club. She was instrumental in the moving and renovating of the original railroad station in Annville. She had also received a plaque for voting for 50 years, never missing an election.

Blanche's greatest enjoyments in life came from her children and anything that involved caring for children, collecting antiques and restoring things, and flowers. Her garden was showcased on the local "Flower Tours" in Annville.

She is survived by three sons James H. husband of Karen Schaeffer of Williamsburg, VA, Thomas O. husband of Melissa Schaeffer of Sinking Spring, Orlando "Pee Wee" Vazquez husband of Lourdes of New Holland, grandchildren, Stasi, Alexis, Sabrina, Melinda, Lisette, Orlando Marcel, Matthew, Michael and great grandchildren, Miranda, Isabella, Sabastian, Gabrielle, and Chase.

Funeral services will be private, with interment in Mt. Annville Cemetery. There will be a viewing held on Friday November 11, 2016 from 6PM – 8PM at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Contributions to the Annville Free Library, 216 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 or to the continued upkeep of the Annville Railroad Station in her memory.

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Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Sorry to hear of her passing. I was one of her day care kids. I remember her letting us play in her garden and the Easter egg hunts. She was very instrumental in the community and had more energy than I will ever have! My condolences to her family.
Audrey Long Bella

Audrey Bella - August 23, 2017 at 09:45 AM

BE

“ Blanche and I met and became friends when we were co-workers at Annville Products Co., during the summer of 1943. In The fall I returned to Annville High School for my Senior year. However, I left Annville after getting married and Blanche and I lost touch. In the year 2011 after sixty-eight years, I gave Blanche Schaeffer a phone call and asked her if she was the former Blanche Hughes. She told me "yes I am!" So we spent approx. 20 minutes talking over the many fond memories we had from all those years ago. I send my sincere sympathy to her family in the great loss of Blanche.

Bea - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I remember Blanche babysitting my sister and I when we were much younger, she always kept the kids she babysat busy and always involved the families. I remember a bus trip to Washington DC Zoo and we had so much fun, it was our first visit to the D.C. Zoo.. I know she was very active in her community. I am 45 and my sister is 49, I still have many memories of Blanche as a great babysitter. Keeping her family in our prayers.

Jennifer Koch - November 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Blanche was the quintessential "mover and shaker." Give her a phone and you've got a community initiative. She beautified our community through her gardens, the Train Station, Historic Annville Days of the Friends, Lodwarrick Questers, and the Fresh Air initiative, among others. Thank you, Blanche! May your tribe increase! Your care was a large part of what now makes Annville a caring community. Paul Fullmer*

Vice President, Friends of Old Annville

Paul Fullmer - November 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew Blanche from Church, Friends of Old Annville, Town Hall elections, and other activities. What a wonderful person and wealth of information.*

Keith Creamer, Annville PA

November 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *I got to know Blanche best when I began working with her and Friends of Old Annville. I spent many hours in her living room & kitchen discussing all sorts of topics relating to FOOA and Annville proper. During the process of returning the Train Station she shared with me the number of donors she acquired, and I jokingly teased her about being able to "get blood out of a turnip." Her heart and soul was always with and for Annville, her "kids", and what she could do for others. On behalf of myself and FOOA I send deepest condolences to both her immediate and extended families. Although her work on earth is done and she has gone to her heavenly home she will not be forgotten for the person she was. May she rest in peace.*

Rachel Noll - November 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - November 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Blanche touched the lives of so many. I was fortunate to have been one of her "kids". She treated all of us whom she babysat like one of her own. She taught me many life lessons around her big kitchen table with homemade cookies, banana milkshakes and the best grilled cheese I have ever had. Having her in my life was a blessing. God Bless her family during this difficult time.*

Janelle Miller - November 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I didn't know her for very long but I could tell she was one of a kind! May she rest in peace.*

Suzanne Gonzalez - November 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM