



Lorraine A. Koons

May 18, 1922 - March 28, 2026

Lorraine A. Koons, 103, passed into God's loving arms in the Lebanon Valley Home on March 28, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Herbert Koons, who died in 2001. Lorraine was born on May 18, 1922. Her parents were LeRoy and Mary (Kreider) Shaak. She was raised by her grandparents William and Maggie Kreider in Cleona where she was a lifetime resident.

Lorraine was a 1940 graduate of Lebanon High School. During WWII she was a Rosie the Riveter working at the Middletown Air Depot repairing war-damaged planes. After the war she worked at the State Capital in Harrisburg and Whites Food Market in Cleona.

She was a lifetime member of Hill Lutheran Church and is the oldest member in age and in years of membership. She voted in every election since she was eligible to vote and was inducted into the PA Voters Hall of Fame. She was recognized in Lebanon County Historical Society's Women in Lebanon County History Exhibit in October 2024 and received her Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal in December 2024.

Lorraine was preceded in death by a sister Janis Lerchen, nephew Mark Lerchen and "her boys" and special life-long friends Kenneth Koch and Ronald (Joe) Koch.

She is survived by nieces Karen Lerchen, Annville; Ethel Bowman, Palmyra; nephew Mark Moyer, Palmyra; her nephew, Mark Lerchen's wife, Deb Lerchen, Annville; special friends Bonnie Shank & Mike Thissen, Lebanon and

many cousins.

Thanks to all the staff at the Lebanon Valley Home for their loving care and to her Hill Lutheran Church Family for their on-going contact and visits.

A public viewing will be held from 10:00AM-11:00AM on Monday, April 6th, 2026, at Hill Lutheran Church, 998 N. Mill St. Lebanon, PA 17046. Funeral Services will begin at 11:00AM on Monday at the Church. Interment will follow in Hill Church Cemetery. Lorraine was very devoted to and loved her Church. One of her final wishes, in lieu of flowers, was for donations in her memory to be made to Hill Lutheran Church, 998 N. Mill St. Lebanon, PA 17046. Kreamer Funeral Home, Annville is handling arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hill Church Cemetery

Cleona, PA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hill Lutheran Church
998 N. Mill Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We here in the Lebanon County Elections office were very sorry to hear of Lorraine's passing. We all enjoyed getting to know her, her story, and witnessing her many years of voting, and seeing the pride she took in it! Our thoughts are with her family, her friends, and the staff at the Lebanon Valley Home that undoubtedly became like family to Lorraine.

Jamie - April 01 at 11:29 AM

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“ Jeff and I loved her dearly. We always felt happier after visiting. We will miss her so much. She was our go to person when we had any questions about the history of Hill Church!

Kathy Murphy - March 31 at 04:56 PM