



Ruth C. Schaffer

July 26, 1926 - December 3, 2018

Ruth C. Schaffer, 92, of South Annville Twp. went to be with her Lord on Monday, December 3, 2018 while in the comfort of her home. She was the wife of Dr. W. Harry Schaffer, Jr. with whom she celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Born in Osterburg, Pennsylvania on July 26, 1926, Ruth was the daughter of the late Andrew C. and Laura E. Over Curran. She was a 1943 graduate of Grantsville High School in Grantsville, MD and a 1946 graduate from the University of Maryland at the age of 19. Ruth began her career teaching Home Economics and History at DuBois High School and then became a Home Economist for Mercer County Penn State Extension. Following her marriage to Harry and move to Lebanon County, Ruth taught briefly at South Lebanon High School and then became the lead Home Economics teacher for the Annville-Cleona School District for the next 25 years.

Ruth was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church of Annville, serving as a part-time organist for many years, and was a founding member of the Lebanon County Home Economics Association. She graciously shared her home-making talents with friends and family at their beloved farm.

Her pride and joy for many years was her family. Surviving in addition to her husband is son Dr. Ted (Nancy) Schaffer and daughter Amy (Rev. Mark) Thomas. Ruth will also be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Drs. Matthew (Julia) Schaffer and their daughter Natalie, Dr. Melanie Schaffer, Dr. Monica Schaffer, Dr. Mallory Schaffer, Joel (Kristin) Thomas, and Emily

Thomas.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 200 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 at 11:30 AM. A visitation will be held from 10-11:30 AM prior to the service. Interment will be held in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church Extended Ministry Fund.

Arrangements are being made by Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
200 E. Main Street
Anville, PA 17003

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Schaffer Family,*

So very sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Schaffer and want to extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Schaffer was my High School Home Economics teacher at South Lebanon High School Class of 1958. She was a wonderful teacher and a beautiful Lady. I thank her for her knowledge and kindness she gave to me.

May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family today and always.

My prayers are with you.

*Laura Hainly Ebright
Mt. Gretna, PA.*

Laura Hainly Ebright - December 07, 2018 at 09:53 AM

BB

“ *Very dedicated teacher. Strong believer in helping students succeed. Worked with her when I was Superintendent in AC District. Thoughts and prayers to family.*

Bill Brackbill - December 06, 2018 at 10:36 PM

DG

“ *Darren, Kristen, Koty and Dalton Grumbine purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth C. Schaffer.*



Darren, Kristen, Koty and Dalton Grumbine - December 05,
2018 at 08:37 PM

TH

“*Ruth Curran Shaffer was a woman of high character and the best aunt any nephew could want. I am deeply grateful for her life and love. Through her virtual authenticity, disarming wit, and unwavering commitment to faith, family and her fellow mankind, she inspired all who knew her.*

As a result of her dedicated years of teaching her example lives on and will continue to stir those she touched to pursue a greater cause.

Her true pride in her family manifested as absolute joy for life. She taught ALL her “students” about family, decency and the power of gentle words that flow from a beautiful heart.

Emerging from the deep end of the gene pool of Curran women who defined the term Home Economics, she proudly joined the ranks of some of the most respected pioneers in the field.

The consummate teacher, she also piled her talents as a Red Cross swimming instructor for what had to be some sort of record number of years. As a junior instructor I enjoyed the benefits of teaching beside her. Little did I know that she had me work with intermediate swimmers who were sure to excel, thereby assuring me a taste of the satisfaction of teaching. Thank you Aunt Ruth. I still savor the taste today.

Through my spits and sputters as an upset adolescent, she was on duty to provide a guiding light. Through calm, sit down conversations filled with common sense and non judgemental words, she provided knowing guidance and sincere love that helped me through those awkward years. The list of specific encouraging acts could get very lengthy here.

Let me conclude, I love you, Aunt Ruth. Thank you for your ongoing attentiveness to our family. Fair winds and following seas as you swim off toward a glorious sunset.

Love,

Tom

Tom Hindman - December 05, 2018 at 10:46 AM

JM

Such a beautiful testimony of your mom's life.

Jan Mengel - December 05, 2018 at 10:29 PM

LA

“ *so sorry for the loss... my prayers to family and friends.. i so enjoyed her while she was teaching at the Annville-Cleona school District... One of the best teachers i had...*

Laurie - December 04, 2018 at 09:04 PM