



Esther Papp

May 11, 1916 - April 14, 2011

Esther Papp, 94, of Phoenixville passed away on April 14 from congestive heart failure. She was married to the late Louis Papp from Zapzony, Hungary in 1939, who passed away 11 years earlier on the exact same day. Esther is survived by her four children, Louis Papp and his wife Dorothy from Lewes, DE, Elayne McGuire and husband Michael from Langhorne, Richard Papp and his wife Sandra from Collegeville and Bryan Papp and wife Mimi from Creamridge, NJ and her sister Agnes Paul and her husband Gerald Paul of Phoenixville. She is also sadly missed by her 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Esther was a life-long resident of Phoenixville, particularly involved in the Hungarian community in a town that was a true melting-pot of numerous ethnic groups in search of employment in difficult times. She was an employee of the Spring City Knitting Co., the Oaks Flag Co., AP DeSanno Grinding wheel Co. and Papp's Ice Service. In the latter business, she was instrumental in establishing, managing and actually delivering ice to virtually hundreds of customers. Church participation and volunteerism were primary focuses in her life. She was a member of the first Hungarian Reformed church in Phoenixville. As with all parishioners, she was actively involved in the building of the Hungarian Church that is presently at 3rd and Main in Phoenixville in 1934. Membership in the church's Woman's Guild, the Church Choir the Couples Club were only a fraction of the organizations in which Esther volunteered to maintain the solvency of the church's finances and the well-being of the Hungarian community. In October of 1956, Hungary initiated

military action against communist rule. The Hungarians succeeded in voicing their desires to the entire world. They needed military assistance but their requests fell on deaf ears. The Soviets in three days quashed the revolution leaving 10's of thousands of freedom fighters dead. Our church in Phoenixville responded with charity. Again, Esther was an active participant. She helped gathering new clothes and toys from the business and people of Phoenixville to help the orphans of these valiant freedom fighters. But, Esther took an additional step in actually volunteering to house and care for any child refugees who managed to make it to the US. Not only did she provide sustenance but also church and educational aid until the US could properly relocate these unfortunate refugees. In her later years, Esther worked as a volunteer for the Phoenixville Hospital Thrift Shop. The purpose of this shop was to help the needy with affordable clothing and also support the Phoenixville Hospital. She was an active volunteer from 1978 until 09/2010. Esther devoted her life to her family, church and community. Being a woman of minor financial means, she deeply affected and improved the lives of those who were needier than her. She embodied principles of a true Christian. Friends and relatives are invited to attend her funeral service at the Parkside United Church of Christ, Main Street at Third Avenue, Phoenixville, PA on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be the Rev. Dr. Russ Mitman. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery. Friends will be received at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville from 9:30-10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has respectively requested memorial contributions in Esther's name be sent to the Parkside UCC Main Street and Third Avenue, Phoenixville, Pa 19460 and/or Chandler Hall Hospice 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, PA 18940-1593. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ To the Papp and Bartha families, our deepest sympathies. The world lost a great woman and Heaven gained one. Aunt Esther's journey is only just beginning: Death is not the end Death can never be the end. Death is the road. Life is the traveler. The Soul is the Guide ... Our mind thinks of death. Our heart thinks of life Our soul thinks of Immortality. - Sri Chinmoy

Jocelyn, Andy, Chase and Brynne - jus1@rocketmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM

LB

“ Bryan and family, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We will miss her visits at the Relay event. It was always a pleasure to see her and to wish her a Happy Birthday. May happy and fond memories of times you shared with her help you through this difficult time.

Linda & Alan Braverman - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM

NC

“ Bryan, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please know my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Nancy Jo (Asbert) Child - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM

BW

“ Dear Family, What a wonderful and beautiful life of giving. Esther was my neighbor for the first 7 years of my life but always remained our friend. She was always giving and nurturing to the Chambers Family and even attended my brother Jeff's funeral in 2007. I have many fond memories of Esther.....and she has inspired us all to be better at helping others.

Bill Chambers - William.V.Chambers@nasa.gov - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM

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“ Bryan/Elayne got a chance to meet your mom and some of the Relay for Life events that she attended. She was a very spunky lady for her age. i know all our moms and parents are sorely missed when they are no longer with us on this earth. My sympathy to you.

Ed Taggart - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the Papp family & to her dearest sister Agnes Paul & family she will be dearly missed by all especially in church. But i know she will be looking down at us and smiling and saying that is my family. And she'll be in my ear at church when i am reading and saying good job. Also she is with my dearly beloved MAX (my English mastiff which passed on right after Aunt Esther Love and prayers Justine L Selfinger

Justine L Selfinger - utleygirl316@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:36 AM