



## Helen Latshaw

June 8, 1922 - October 23, 2011

Helen M. Latshaw, Chester Springs, 89, widow of Russell T. Latshaw, passed away on October 23, 2011 at home. A daughter of Clarence and Grace (Bright) Missimer, she graduated from Royersford High School and Norristown Business School. She was an accomplished typist (still using her IBM Selectric) and Gregg Shorthand master, skills little used today. During World War II she was a Red Cross volunteer at Valley Forge Military Hospital and received a commendation from then U.S. President, Harry S. Truman. In 1948 she married Russell T. Latshaw, President of Sunny Slope Dairies, Spring City and raised two children. Over the years they enjoyed playing cards with friends, entertaining on their boat and travelling. One of their most memorable trips was when they went overseas to Brussels and Paris, a prize Mr. Latshaw had won as a contestant on the original "The Price is Right" with Bill Cullen. She continued to go on various adventures with her daughter and son. After Mr. Latshaw's death in 1981 she became involved with West End Fire Company in Phoenixville, serving as Financial Secretary for the last 25 years. She retired from that position in March of this year and treasured the watch the members gave her. Up until this summer Mrs. Latshaw was active as a member of the Senior Bowling League at Phoenix Lanes and a regular at Thursday pinochle games with the Senior Center. To keep her intellectual acuity and for pure enjoyment, she read two newspapers a day, priding herself in doing all the puzzles in each, as well as numerous magazines. As a child during the Great Depression, she learned the importance of saving and being

thrifty. She continued that lesson throughout her life, always looking for Senior discounts, restaurant coupons and grocery sale items. For many years she was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Royersford, and also a member of AARP. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her sister Marion Himes, Phoenixville. She is survived by her daughter Kyle L. Latshaw, of Saugatuck, MI and her son Russell T. Latshaw, Jr., of Spring City. Also, her sister Margaret Ludolph, of Pottstown, nieces, nephews, and many friends. At Mrs. Latshaw's request, she was cremated. A Funeral Reception will be held at the Covered Bridge Room of the Kimberton Fire Company, 752 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 12 Noon. A private burial will be in St. Matthew's UCC Cemetery, Chester Springs, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to West End Fire Company (earmarked AMBULANCE) 801 West Bridge Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460-4214. Online condolences may be offered at [www.royersfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.royersfordfuneralhome.com) Arrangements are by Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to your family from Helen's sister Margaret and her husband Harold, and their daughters Cheryl and Patty and their families. We were glad we had the chance to meet Helen and Marion over the last few years.

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**The Ludolph family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

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“ kyle and rusty so sorry for the loss of your mom! in the months spent with your mom we shared alot of things i didnt know!aunt helen im sorry our tree didnt get lights on it!but your at peace now and your with my mom do me a favor tell her i love her and miss her but you two are back together RIP AUNT HELEN!

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**debbie** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

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“ We loved this little lady. Met her at Senior Bowling and AARP card parties. She was so sweet and had a beautiful smile.

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**Evelyn and Bill Frederick - evfred1313@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

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“ Kyle & Rusty - We are truly saddened by this news and many fond memories are with us of both your Dad and Mom. Our thoughts and sympathy are with you and your families. Love, Barry & Sue

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**Susan & Barry Ritschard - sbr25@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM