



Lola S. Reed M.D.

February 5, 1917 - July 24, 2017

Lola (Skip) S. Reed, MD, born in West Telford, PA on Feb. 5, 1917, daughter of Elsie (Stover) and Ira Stewart Reed, died peacefully in Westminster, MD July 24, 2017.

Dr. Reed graduated from Ursinus College in 1938, University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1942, one of five women in the entering class. She practiced pediatric medicine in Phoenixville, PA from the 1940s until her retirement in 1982. She was the first woman president of the Phoenixville Hospital Medical Staff in 1961-62.

She was active in the Pewter Collectors' Club of America, serving as president 1975-77. As a concerned and active community citizen, she spearheaded the first day care child center, Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center, in 1964 and the establishment of the Well-Baby Clinic in conjunction with The Visiting Nurses.

Dr. Reed received many awards, including Citizen of the Year of Chester County and, most recently, Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Schuylkill Township in 2014. She was a 60-year member of the Phoenixville Presbyterian Church. Dr. Reed was an avid birder and environmentalist.

Dr. Reed was predeceased by her sister, Hazel (Sue) Graves, her great niece,

Jessica Graves, and her long-term companion, Rachel McAvoy. She is survived by three nieces: Cynthia Saunders, Ilona Greenfelder and Lydia Steadman; nephew: George Bennett Graves; and many babies and children grown to adulthood.

In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center, 310 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 or Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, 1025 Andrew Drive (#200), West Chester, PA 19380. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 16 at 1pm at the Phoenixville Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements handled by Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville
145 Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall

MR

“*Thirty years ago I was a young pastor with a little daughter and newly installed at a church in some distress. "Skip", a well respected elder on session, took me under her wing and assured me it would all work out and it did. In my 14 years there, she was a friend and a mentor, and I was gratified to hear from her that she felt the same about me. I'll never forget arriving at her house to find her doing some task like chopping wood or laying tile--in her mid 70's! She gave to many and always said it was no trouble because she'd lived a charmed and blessed life. But we were the ones who were blessed to know her. Marie Roberts*

Marie Roberts - September 11, 2017 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Dr Reed, 'Skip' first met me at a continuing education program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Summer of 1981. Soon thereafter I got a phone call from her asking me to take over her practice of Pediatrics! With two young children and a husband who travelled for business I was not sure I was up for the task! The confidence she had in me and the support she gave me to establish my roots in this town were the reason I had a really rewarding pediatric practice here in Phoenixville. The community of physicians welcomed me especially my fellow pediatricians. I saw my first patient in late October 1981. She introduced me to her lifelong patients and the transition was so smooth that within six months she could retire and pursue her varied interests. We stayed in touch on a regular basis till she was moved to Maryland recently.*

I have immense gratitude for her having chosen me to inherit her practice and for her friendship and guidance.

May her soul rest in peace.

Kalpana Patankar MD; M.Ac.

Kalpana Patankar - September 07, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *DR Reed was a great friend of the family and dr to my childred and grand daughter. She was loved by all. RIP DR REED The John McIntyre Family*



Mabel Mci-Kelly - August 09, 2017 at 03:25 AM

JS

“ I am one of the 'babies grown into adulthood'. Dr Reed was my doctor from infancy into my teenage years. What I remember of Dr Reed was a simple but welcoming office, her spaniel, and a jar of lollipops to choose from after a visit. I also remember my mom telling me how, as a new mom and immigrant, Dr Reed guided, advised and reassured her, all the while speaking two different languages! LOL! Dr Reed was very patient and kind. Gosh, I wish I could find an 'old-time' Doctor like Dr Reed: imagine a single practice, a personal touch, no messy billing, and a dog in the office! RIP Dr Reed.

Jerri Struk - August 08, 2017 at 07:30 PM

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My Pediatrician - fabulous doctor

Gladys - August 09, 2017 at 11:43 AM

SM

Dr. Reed was the dr. for my sisters and me when growing up in the 1940s and early 1950s. She was a great person and become a great friend when I was an adult and working in some of the same causes that she was. Bob and I always enjoyed talking to her with her varied interests. And she dearly loved children.

Sandy Momyer - August 09, 2017 at 10:32 PM

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Dear mentor colleague and friend:

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Kalpana Patankar - August 15, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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Lola (Skip) befriended me as a McAvoy married into this family. We lived in two different homes while residing on McAvoy Lane. Our second residence in the hollow was only a short walk to her home. My children and I enjoyed many visits with her swimming in her pool and eating vegetables she had grown in her flower beds right next to it. One of the most profound ways she helped me was to instill futhering my higher level education. I became a pre-school teacher because of her selfless help financially. Skip became not only a mentor for me but also for my daughter Cozette. We loved her and will miss her loving spirit. She was truly one of God's saints now at rest. We wish we could have known about her passing but we are so thankfull for all she has done for so many. We will continue to pay it forward as she did for so many women in her lifetime! Love you Skip! Terri & Cozette

Terri A. Moyer (McAvoy) Nyce - November 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM