



Margaret Funk

July 20, 1917 - August 30, 2012

Margaret Dabback Funk, a lifelong resident of Kimberton and Phoenixville, died August 30 at the age of 95. Born on July 20, 1917, she was the daughter of Methodist minister David George Dabback and Alice Hendrickson Dabback, who died in 1919 in Philadelphia's influenza outbreak when Mrs. Funk was just two years old. Rev. Dabback went on to marry Ruth Hawes, who lovingly raised Mrs. Funk and her two older sisters, Alice (Coates) and Emily (Gable), as well as the three children she and Rev. Dabback went on to have: David, formerly of Malvern; DeWitt of Royersford; and Ruth Ann, of Phoenixville. Mrs. Funk attended grade school in West Chester, moved to Phoenixville during junior high school, and graduated from Phoenixville High School's Class of 1935, for which she served as Class Vice President. The late Robert E. Funk, whom she married three years later on Thanksgiving Day, was Class President. An executive with Superior Tube Co. of Collegeville, Mr. Funk was sent to Los Angeles during World War II to launch Superior's Los Angeles unit. Though Mr. Funk was offered a leadership post in California, Mrs. Funk, after visiting the city with her two young sons, felt strongly that the family's place was back in Pennsylvania. No shrinking violet, she voiced her opinion with her husband and his supervisors, who relented and offered Mr. Funk a position back home. And so the young family returned to the Phoenixville area, where Mr. Funk worked for Superior's Collegeville facility until his retirement in 1983. "We could have easily ended up living in Los Angeles," said John D. Funk, who is Mrs. Funk's oldest son. "It is such a blessing to have lived one place

your whole life and to have a huge, close family all around you. This is largely due to mom's influence and guidance.” Mrs. Funk is survived by her five children and their spouses: John Funk and Elaine FitzSimons of East Vincent Township; Richard L. Funk and Donna Dougherty of Chester Springs; Margaret Jane (Funk) and Walter Turpin of Phoenixville; Robert Edwin and Sandra Davis Funk of Malvern, and Elizabeth Anne (Funk) and Jean-Pierre Bouvel of Chester Springs. In addition to her sister Ruth and brother DeWitt, Mrs. Funk is survived by 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was the proud and loving matriarch of this close family, holding court at family gatherings and playing Christmas carols on the piano while her brood sang as recently as last year. She most loved tending and nurturing her family and her church, serving as an active member of the East Vincent United Church of Christ for 73 years where she taught Sunday school, led fundraisers and sang in the choir. She loved flower gardening and always has something blooming in her home as well. A voracious reader, Mrs. Funk also enjoyed traveling near and far, from Sunday afternoon drives through the Lancaster countryside to an epic trip to the Holy Lands of Jerusalem with her husband in the 1980s. In recent years, she took several driving trips across the United States with her son Ed and his wife Sandi, including one just last year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the East Vincent United Church of Christ, 282 Hill Church Road, Spring City, PA 19475 on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be the Rev. Kate Davidheiser. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. The family will greet friends following the committal service at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in her name to the East Vincent United Church of Christ at the above address. Condolences may be made and the video tribute may be viewed by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. The Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ My condolences to the entire Funk family on the passing of "Lady Margaret". She was a great lady and has left a great legacy of caring and commitment to her friends, family and community.

Terri McDermott - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LL

“ Dear Rich, John and Jane and all the rest of the family my deepest sympathy in the passing of Peg. She was a special lady and will be sadly missed.

Linda Winham Pascarella - ldwinham@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

BF

“ Thank you for sharing your mother with so many all these years. They don't make them like that anymore. Much love, Bobby and Nanci Mueller

Bobby and Nanci Mueller - fanci1113@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

BB

“ Uncle Ed (and Aunt Sandi and all of the other Funks), You had a truly wonderful mother and she and your dad created such a beautiful family. I was so lucky to have Grandma Funk in my life. Thank you for sharing her with me. I can't imagine how many people will miss her. Love, Bryn

Bryn Benford - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KD

“ I feel like I have lost a 2nd Mom ,she gave love to everyone she met , She was a Lovely Lady , and wonderful Gram-mom to her grandchildren They where very blessed to have had her in there lives so long and such good memories, she is with her 'Bob" now pain free. Love Kap , smiles now no tears,good thoughts

Kap Davis - davisk@vnacc.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ Are thoughts and prayers are with the entire Funk family. What a great matriarch.

Jim and Sharon Schaaf - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MS

“ Stan and I are so very so. Meeting Grandma Funk was such a great experience. We enjoyed her so much at Jennifer & Robert's wedding and again when Calvin was born. She was an exception lady. Love to be like her when I reach that age. Nothing seemed to keep her down for long. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. Micki & Stan

Micki & Stan Lund - stnld@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LV

“ Dear John, Rich and Jane, and the whole of your family. I dfid not know your Mom for a lot of years, but my limited experience was enough to leave me with the certainty of strengh, character and a lot of that matriarchal impressivenes. She was a force to be reckoned with and yet the love, care and respect with which you treated her and spoke of her gave a cause for knowing the underpinnings for all was deep affection. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lynn Eachus

Lynn Eachus - virginiaeachus@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

BG

“ Richard, John and the Funk family, I was very saddened to learn of the passing of your Mother. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Blair Garland - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KM

“ Thinking of you all in this difficult time. Love you, Grandma Funk! "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." Leo Buscaglia

Kate (Benford) Mason - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

SE

“ She lived a wonderfully blessed life and her family is a tribute to her goodness. Our sincere sympathy to all the Funks.

Shelley and Don Evans - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MM

“ Richard, Doc, John and Family, We send our sincere condolence for the loss of Your Mother. Our Prayers are with you and your Family during this very difficult time.

Marc & Kim Kershner - MKKersh4105@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RR

“ *John Funk and the entire Funk Family. My deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. She was a lovely lady and her family was her heart. I know you will miss her & will Cherish always, the wonderful memories she left all of you. I was born & raised in Kimberton, my parents resided in the family home till my mothers passing in 1995. it was a wonderful little villiage to be raised in.*

Rosemarie Rittenbaugh-Schrump - Romarie40@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM