



Marian T. Mercer

April 15, 1918 - March 12, 2016

Marian T. Mercer, 97, wife of the late Chester L. Mercer, of Sanatoga, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016 in Seasons Hospice, Phoenixville. Born on April 15, 1918 in Pulaski, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late James and Edna (Hogue) Thompson.

Marian received her Bachelor's Degree in public school music from Westminster College. She taught instrumental and voice in schools in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania and Bay City, Michigan, prior to her marriage. Her specialty was choral directing. She also taught at the Valley Forge Christian Academy. After her retirement from teaching, she was employed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in King of Prussia.

Marian was an excellent cook and taught some gourmet cuisine classes for adult education programs. She had an interest in reupholstering furniture and her more recent hobby was hardanger, a type of intricate lacework. Most recently she helped in the directing of the SRC Singers, at Sanatoga Ridge Community, where she was the performance director. She was active in The First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville over the years.

She was an inveterate card and board game player. Marian loved learning new games and most recently learned a new one at Christmas time. She always found a card or game club wherever she lived. She was also involved

in a book club at Sanatoga Ridge Community.

Marian had been an accomplished seamstress. She was one of the last who translated her origins of growing up on a dairy farm into today's times. She still canned food and made the best apple pie.

Mrs. Mercer is survived by daughter: Janis L., wife of Dr. Raymond E. Dagger, of Mt. Airy, Maryland; sons: Dr. David R. Mercer of Cedar Falls, Iowa and James B., husband of Linda Mercer, of Simpsonville, South Carolina; sister-in-law: Nancy, wife of Robert Burig, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; and two step grandchildren. Mrs. Mercer was preceded in death by her sisters: Dorothy Ligo and Frances Wallace.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 3:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, 145 Main Street, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Officiating will be the Rev. Douglas N. Hagler. Memorial contributions may be made in Marian's name to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, Caring Voice Coalition, 8249 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116, First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, 145 Main Street, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania 19460, or Seasons Hospice Foundation, 2200 Renaissance Blvd., Suite 110, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 9. 3:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marian T. Mercer .



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“ *Marian was a wonderful lady. She worked as a part time receptionist for our law firm when she was a spry 88, filling in during the late afternoon hours. She would say, keeping busy was what kept her young and we agreed. Can't believe it has been almost 10 years since then. She spoke fondly of her children and grandchildren and we enjoyed having her here at the office. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Mary and Chris Crocker

Mary Crocker - March 24, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Marian was a wonderful friend to my sister there at Saratoga Ridge. The community and love that my sister was able to have during her bout with cancer was special and Marian was one of her dear friends. To her family I offer my prayers. Marian I'm sure will soon have a choir of angels. She knew how to bring joy with music.*

Clare Dinnocenti

Clare Dinnocenti - March 24, 2016 at 10:29 AM

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“ *She became my first piano teacher back in autumn 1957 and was a long time friend of our family. We called her "Aunt Marion." Today at age 66 I am not only still playing the piano but also earning a living from making music. It was in her home that I got my start, and I shall always remember her for this and be ever grateful to her. In recent years my siblings and I have been grateful to her also for faithfully visiting my aged mother who died this past August. Marion Mercer - May her memory always be for blessing !*

Paul E. Patton - March 19, 2016 at 06:43 AM

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“ Just wanted to let you know that we are with you in this time of sorrow and joy also. She is reunited with her beloved husband and all her dear friends who have passed before her. I was just thinking about her the other day . What came to mind was the good food she always made and the music! We were blessed to have known her and to have her in our lives. Yours,

Debbie Conway {Patton}

Debbie Conway - March 17, 2016 at 09:46 AM