



Janet Helen Brown Trousdale

October 6, 1917 - August 31, 2012

Janet Helen Brown Trousdale, 94, died peacefully at the family home on Taylor Hill in Rome, PA on Friday, August 31, 2012. She was the Curator Emeritus of the P.P. Bliss Gospel Songwriters Museum in Rome.

Janet was born October 6, 1917, in Hartford, CT. She was the daughter of the late Earl Ayres Brown and Emma Clarice Ballou Brown. She grew up in Silver Spring, MD and attended Elmira College before marrying the Reverend Whitney Maynard Trousdale on June 16, 1937. They had a long honeymoon traveling in pre-war Britain, Scandinavia, Germany and Russia and returned to live in Rochester, NY where her husband was the Associate Minister of the Third Presbyterian Church. Within a few months, he became the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Olean, NY. They lived in Olean until 1948.

In 1940, Janet open her home to Vera Mace and her daughters, Sheila and Fiona – evacuees of the nightly bombing in London, England. The children stayed until the end of the War in 1945.

The next 30 years were focused on raising her family, volunteer work and assisting her husband in his ministry in Olean, NY; Summit Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA and First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, OH.

When her husband retired from his full time ministry in 1971 they moved to the

Trousdale family home in Rome. They both became active in the creation of the P. P. Bliss Gospel Songwriters Museum in Rome, PA.

Janet was an Elder in the Rome Presbyterian Church

She worked many years with the Peacemaking Task Force of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She was honored in 1998 with the Andrew E Murray Peacemaking Award by the Synod of the Trinity.

Janet was active in the Lackawanna Presbytery serving on many church Committees.

She was a financial supporter of many charitable organizations.

Surviving are: a daughter Anne Carolyn Trousdale Gardner of Lakewood, OH, two sons Bruce Whitney (Loretta) Trousdale of Pottstown, PA, William Bashford (Cynthia) Trousdale of Harrisburg, PA.

Grandchildren: Ellen Gardner Cormier of Lakewood, OH, Katherine Gardner Haberzette of Seattle, WA, Jean Trousdale Spidle of Mechanicsburg, PA James Whitney Trousdale of Quincy, MA, Jamie Lynn Trousdale and Ashleigh Maureen Trousdale of Harrisburg, PA and Eight Great Grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Whitney Maynard Trousdale on February 25, 1985, children: David Taylor and Joyce Ellen in infancy, and Jean Marjorie to cystic fibrosis in 1955; her brother Robert Ballou Brown and her son-in-law Jay Douglas Gardner.

The Funeral service will be held Saturday September 8 at 11:00 at the Rome Presbyterian Church. A visitation period will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will follow in the Rome Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The P. P. Bliss Gospel Songwriters Museum, or the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA.

Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting the website of www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Rome Cemetery

Route 187
Rome, PA 18837

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rome Presbyterian Church
Route 187
Rome, PA 18837

Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ Janet Helen Brown Trousdale

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



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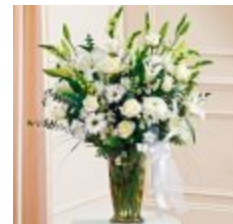


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