



Kathryn E. Hartman

June 15, 1915 - May 24, 2015

Kathryn Elizabeth “Kay” Brobst Hartman, 99, of 225 Poplar St. Towanda, PA passed away Sunday, May 24, 2015 at her home.

“Kay” as she was known by her family and friends was born in Bloomsburg, PA. on June 15, 1915 the daughter of Harry E. and Ruth A. Aul Brobst. Kay was a graduate of Bloomsburg High School and a 1936 graduate of Bloomsburg State Teachers College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. On July 31, 1943 she married Paul L. Hartman at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg. Mrs. Hartman taught elementary education for 5 years in Bethel Township, Berks County, PA and 24 years for the Towanda Area School District until her retirement in July of 1977. She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church Women, Vesper Guild, Alter Guild, Twentieth Century Club, Alpha Zeta Chapter of the Delta Zappa Gamma Society International, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, Bloomsburg Alumni Association and was a 70 year member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 76, Towanda. Kay enjoyed the arts, attending musical concerts and plays with friends, as well as offering her own artistic skills in creating crafts with the women’s craft group at Trinity Lutheran Church. Kay also loved playing cards with two card clubs throughout her years in Towanda. A source of much enjoyment for Kay following her retirement was the opportunity to travel to several countries. Most important to Kay was sharing time and Holiday celebrations with her family. When she was not enjoying the company of her family, her church family became her focus.

Kay continued to serve the church in many capacities until the time of her passing.

Surviving are her son, Richard P. Hartman of Sayre, daughter, Debra J. Hartman of Harrisburg, grandson, Mark R. Hartman and wife Lilly of MA., granddaughter, Molly J. Hartman of Sayre, sister-in-law, LaVerne Brobst of Tennessee, brother-in-law, Stuart "Bud" Hartman of Danville, PA several nieces nephews and cousins, a very close family friend, Johnna Seeton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Paul, on April 7, 1995, an infant son, Norman D. Hartman, sister, Jane A. Brobst and daughter-in-law, Susan Rockrohr Hartman.

The funeral service will be held Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Towanda, PA with Pastor Jira Albers officiating.

Interment will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. There are no calling hours. A luncheon for family and friends will be held at the church following the interment service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be directed to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 908 S. Main St., Towanda, PA 18848 or to Guthrie Hospice, 421 Tomahawk Road, Towanda, PA 18848 in Kathryn Elizabeth Hartman's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Service

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
908 South Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn E. Hartman* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Kathryn E. Hartman* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Kathryn E. Hartman* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Kathryn E. Hartman* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Kathryn E. Hartman* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ Kathryn also taught 6th grade classes in the Shillington, Pa. schools (Berks County) and was one of John Updike's teachers. She is mentioned in John Updike's *Early Years* by Dr. Jack DeBellis and David Silcox (a cousin to Kathryn on the Brobst/Shelhamer side of the family). When Kathryn and I last talked some two years ago, she was looking forward to returning to Shillington to visit.

My sympathy to her family and cousins,

*Dave Silcox
Shillington, Pa.*

David R. Silcox - August 07, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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“ *To the Hartman family,
My parents, Fred and Loretta Coleman, knew Paul and Kay well, I think from Paul and my dad's work teaching VA classes long ago. Please accept my condolences on Kay's passing. What a long, rich life she lived! Mothers are special people.
Nancy (Coleman) Sharer
Stevensville, Pa.*

Nancy Sharer - June 08, 2015 at 12:26 PM

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“ *Sorry about your mother. I can imagine that she lived a good life and your father was getting lonesome. Kathy LeStrange*



Kathy LeStrange - May 30, 2015 at 10:28 AM

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“ *Richard and Debby,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Kay was a very special lady!! My first encounter with her was as my third grade teacher and I am a teacher because of her example. She was also such a great and loyal friend to my mother-in-law Echo Denniston. Craig and I appreciated her friendship toward Echo very much. We enjoyed having her stay with us in Missouri on one of her many travels. Your mom was a true gem of a person. God will welcome another beautiful angel to his fold! With deepest sympathy, Nancy & Craig Denniston*

Nancy Denniston - May 26, 2015 at 05:57 PM