



Lillian Elizabeth Larrabee

March 9, 2014

Lillian Elizabeth Larrabee, 96, passed away unexpectedly Sunday March 9, 2014 of complications from a fall in her garden at her home in Asheville, North Carolina.

Lillian and her late husband Pete (Wallace L. Larrabee, Jr.) lived in the Towanda area from 1986 until 1997. During most of those years they lived at 309 York Avenue in Towanda. Lillian was active in the Bradford County Historical Society, the Towanda Public Library, and the local Sierra Club chapter.

Lillian was born in 1918 and grew up in Ewing Township, New Jersey, outside of Trenton. After graduating with high marks from Trenton High School, she attended what was then the New Jersey State Teachers College getting her degree in Library Science in 1939. It was there that she met her future husband's sister, Regena (Bonnie) Larrabee and they became life long friends.

Lillian and Pete married in 1950; they lived in Plainfield, Madison and Chatham, New Jersey, while Pete had a 33-year career at Merck and Co.. Lillian's career was as a librarian in New Jersey public schools and earlier at Princeton University.

In the early 1960's they bought a farm in Wyalusing Township, which was a weekend and summer project until Pete retired. Since Lillian was a school librarian, her own family spent entire summers at the farm.

This brought them back to the area of Pete's youth and young adulthood, as his parents summered in Camptown and his Grandmother lived in New Era. Lillian started coming to Wyalusing to visit the Larrabees in 1937.

In 1997 Lillian and Pete moved to Asheville. After his death in 2005, she continued living at their home, remaining an avid gardener and reader. She was active in the College for Seniors at the University of North Carolina and loved her discussion and writing groups.

Lillian is survived by son Richard Larrabee of Houston, TX, daughter Lydia Larrabee of Elgin, IL, their spouses Louise Carlson and Bob Peterson, and 3 grandchildren, Diane Larrabee, Charles Larrabee and Rob Peterson.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 5, at 2:00 pm at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Avenue, Towanda. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to either The Bradford County Historical Society or to Doctors without Borders.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



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