



Doris Cortright Heck

March 15, 1932 - June 17, 2021

Doris Cortright Heck, 89 years old, passed peacefully on June 17, 2021, at Moravian Manor in Lititz, PA, where she had been a resident since October, 2015. Prior to that time, Doris and her husband resided in Morton, Delaware County, PA, for 48 years. She was born on March 15, 1932, to Frederick Cortright and Catharine Brown Cortright.

Doris began her musical performance career at the young age of four. Doris was Valedictorian of Manheim High School's Class of 1950. She received a scholarship to Lebanon Valley College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Music in 1954.

Following graduation, she taught percussion instruments and vocal music at Cumberland Valley High School, was percussionist with the Harrisburg Symphony, drummed with a big dance band, and played marimba and xylophone with orchestras for touring ice shows in Harrisburg. After moving to the Philadelphia area in the mid-1960's, she continued her musical career playing private events with several bands and was percussionist with numerous symphonies and orchestras. She also taught privately in her music studio for close to 40 years. She loved her "kids" and would continue working with some through college graduation and beyond.

Doris had a wonderful life and was an amazing woman well ahead of her time.

She had a love for good food and good wine. She was an excellent cook and her family has wonderful memories of their special meals together. Doris and her loving husband Dave were fortunate to travel the world together during their marriage visiting Mexico, Africa, France, Czech Republic, the former "Soviet Union," Iceland, Italy, Germany and numerous cities in the United States. Their favorite destination city was London to which they visited countless times.

Doris is survived by her daughter Wendy Heck DiGiacomo, son-in-law Eric DiGiacomo, Lititz, PA, and granddaughters Danielle Kelly (Michael), Alexandra DiGiacomo and great-granddaughter Liliana Grace Kelly; son Christopher James Heck, daughter-in-law Joy Schoene Heck, Hockessin, DE, and grandchildren Emma and David Heck.

Doris will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers and kindly consider a memorial contribution to Caring Hospice Services, 101 Good Drive, 1st Floor, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ I realize this is a "late" post, but I had to share. I was a percussion student of Doris in the late 60s/early 70s, and was simply in awe of her skill on all percussion instruments. Blessings to the Heck family.

Jeff Nagorny - March 01, 2024 at 07:23 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to spend time with Doris at Moravian Manor these last few years. She loved Dave and her family and always had amazing stories to share. She had quite the life! I hope I'm as fortunate - RIP Doris

kathy klecko - June 19, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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Dear Doris my very dear friend I shall. Think of you every day and remember the wonderful places we traveled to and the special sites we saw. Remember the wonderful safari to Kenya and the elder hostel in Nova Scotia where we saw the water run backwards. O so many places we saw together the four of us. What memories we made!
Sarae

sarae homick - June 19, 2021 at 07:01 PM