



Eleanor R. Barnes

September 2, 1925 - January 16, 2025

Eleanor Raub Barnes died on Thursday, January 16, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar R. Barnes, Jr. who died in 2009. A lifelong resident of Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor and Harry L. Raub, Jr.

“Ditty,” as she was known to her friends, studied at Purdue University and Franklin and Marshall College. During World War II, she was a government liaison for RCA and in later years, she conducted PA Dutch Tours, worked as program coordinator for the Parish Resource Center and was director of the United Way Volunteer Service Center where she started the Council of Volunteer Coordinators and the Transitional Volunteer Program.

During her lifetime, she belonged to Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster Junior League, Lancaster Country Club, and the Hamilton Club. She volunteered for many organizations including Hospice and Community Care, Conestoga View, Planned Parenthood, Head Start, and the Lancaster Public Library. She served as a board member for the library, Wheatland, Rockford, the Mental Health Association, and the Parish Resource Center and as board president for the Lancaster Day Care Center and the Junior League.

Eleanor is survived by a daughter, Susan Kastrava, wife of Stanley Kastrava, Venice, Florida, a son, Ned Barnes, husband of Ellen Barnes, Palm Beach, Florida, two grandchildren, Gregory Barnes, St. Augustine, Florida, and Jessica Hampton, wife of Robert Hampton, and three great grandchildren, Allison and Stella Hampton, North Potomac, Maryland and Declan O’Meara,

St. Augustine, Florida. Her brother, Dr. Harry L. Raub III, preceded her in death.

At her request, there will be no memorial service. If you choose to remember Eleanor, please make your contribution to the Lancaster Public Library, 151 N Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603, Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601, or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I remember Ditty enjoying a game of golf with her friends. She taught me how to play Bingo, Bango, Bongo. She was always a ray of sunshine.

*My condolences,
Molly Milner*

Molly Milner - January 26, 2025 at 06:57 AM

JS

“ I got to know Ditty in the JLL and then seeing her in the Community Services Building on Janet Ave in the Volunteer Center. Always that beautiful smile as a greeting and her sincere interest in you at that moment.

Judy W Smith

judy smith - January 25, 2025 at 04:36 PM

CA

“ Susan and Ned -
So sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was a lovely lady. Kathy and I visited with her for about a half hour last summer, to give her a couple Annie Wolf mementos, one of which was the announcement for Ditty's bridal shower. My mother kept many of Annie's greetings, and your mother enjoyed seeing them and talking about those long ago times.

Chris and Kathy Armstrong

Chris Armstrong - January 23, 2025 at 04:52 PM

PR

“ Hi Susie,
Remembering your mother when we were 10&Under swimmers on Lancaster Aquatic Club.
Pam Sherrard Rosenberger

Pamela Rosenberger - January 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LB

“ *I met Ditty when she was working at United Way. She was such a lovely lady: so gracious and kind with a delightful sense of humor. I am so sorry for your family's loss.*

Linda Hollingshead Bruce - January 20, 2025 at 10:18 AM

NB

“ *I always treasured my friendship with your mother - a friendship that was planted at Brookside with my parents Walt and Bernie Quay - and then bloomed through our Junior League of Lancaster membership and commitment to voluntarism.*
Ditty never failed to give me a warm smile and ask me how my mother was doing. She was such a special lady, and I will miss her.

Nancy Bradley - January 19, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SF

“ *Dear Sue, Alan and Ned,*

I am so very sorry for your loss, there are no words at a time like this . May God keep you in his care

Steve Forry - January 19, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SC

“ Dear Susan and Ned,

Your Mother was so very special, a life long family friend. Suzanne

Suzanne Campbell - January 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM

PN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Penny NcGown - January 19, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PN

“ Susan,
Ditty was a co-worker and a friend. Classy. sweet, smart and funny, she loved the beach and reading the NY Times from cover to cover. I will miss her. My condolences.
Penny McGown

Penny NcGown - January 19, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DB

“ Ned, like our old friend Dan Flynn, I remember your mom as a gentle soul, with a ready smile and kind disposition. I am so sorry for your loss.
Dan Browning

DANIEL D BROWNING - January 19, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DF

“ *Ned, your Mother was a fine lady & always treated me with kindness as we were growing up. I know she will be missed. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences.*
Dan Flynn

Daniel Flynn - January 19, 2025 at 08:16 AM

SS

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Sue & Stan - January 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM