



Martha L. Sheetz

June 22, 1930 - December 11, 2023

Martha L. Sheetz, 93, of Homestead Village, Lancaster, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 11, 2023. Known for her vibrant spirit and good humor, she will be greatly missed.

Born June 22, 1930, in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Abram and Ethel Nuss Hershey, the eldest of three children. Marty enjoyed a happy childhood, often sharing stories of time spent with her beloved grandparents at their hotel, the Washington House, at the corner of Lime and Locust Streets in Lancaster.

Marty married the love of her life, Richard A Sheetz, in 1951 with whom she shared 55 years of marriage before his death in 2006. Together they raised four children.

She was a proud 1948 graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and maintained lifelong friendships with many of her classmates.

A beloved wife, mother, and friend, Marty was also a dedicated business partner of the Richard A Sheetz Funeral home in Rohrerstown, which she operated alongside her husband for over forty years.

Marty was an active member of Salem United Church of Christ of

Rohrerstown, serving on the Altar Guild and Christmas Bazaar committees, always lending a helping hand with church activities.

Marty was an avid reader and enjoyed taking a daily walk around her neighborhood. She was a lifelong gardener, counting roses, lilacs, and lilies of the valley as favorites. She was keen to share the plentiful tomatoes from her summer vegetable garden, in which she also grew a generations-old rhubarb plant.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling with their friends, and the annual family vacation to Stone Harbor, NJ with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was a favorite time. Family occasions were lively, filled with amusement and laughter.

Marty is survived by two sons, Richard A. Sheetz Jr., married to Linda Lynch Sheetz, Lancaster, and Michael A. Sheetz, married to Christine Cornely, Pittsburgh; two daughters, Sandra L. Biss, married to Jeffrey L. Biss, Windsor, and Susan M. Carson, married to David L. Carson, Strasburg; six grandchildren, Adrienne Atlee, Kyle Sheetz, Caitlin Sheetz (Metcalf), Audrey Sheetz Leslie, Nicholas Carson, and Natalie Carson; and four great-grandchildren, Fiona Atlee, McKenna and William Metcalf, and Quinn Leslie. Marty is also survived by a sister Rosanne Goldman, married to the late Arthur Goldman, and a brother Abram Hershey Jr., married to Linda Hershey.

A Funeral Service honoring Marty's life will be held at Salem United Church of Christ, 2312 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy PA on Friday evening, December 15, from 6-8 PM, and again on Saturday morning at Salem UCC from 10-11 AM. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no public viewing on Saturday. If desired, memorial contributions in memory of Marty may be made to "Reitz Oil Fund"

(Providing heating oil to families in need) C/O Salem UCC 2312 Marietta Ave.
Lancaster PA 17603, or to "Homestead Village Endowment Fund" 1800
Village Circle, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc.
16 E Main St
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(717) 653-5441
<https://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem United Church of Christ
2312 Marietta Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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2312 Marietta Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603

Interment to follow Funeral Service

DEC **16** (ET)

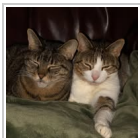
Rohrerstown Lutheran and Reformed
West end of Wood Street at Walnut St
Rohrestown, PA

Tribute Wall

BM

“*Mrs. Sheetz and Mrs. Filling showed up together at my mother's house when she passed in 2008. I wasn't there, but my wife greeted them at the door. They offered their condolences and I believe they dropped off a cake. Her thoughtfulness meant a great to me and helped ease some of the pain. She was a class act. I'm sorry for your loss, Mike. Bill and Mary Maxson*

BILL MAXSON - December 19, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“*My mom Arlene and Marty were Salem UCC buddies. They spent untold hours preparing for the annual church bazaar. What fun they had together. A great generation, those ladies. My heart goes out to her family.*

Linda Esbenshade - December 17, 2023 at 03:04 PM

DD

“*Marty was one of the most gracious people i've ever known. Thinking of all of you in your loss. Diane Dombach*

diane dombach - December 16, 2023 at 03:14 PM

NS

“*Our family knew Marty and Dick from Salem UCC church. Dick was special to my Dad Herb and Marty and my mom, Nancy worked together for many years in the Bazaar. Your parents and family were so special to us. I told my sister, Kathy, about Marty's passing as she lives in Minnesota. I am so sorry to read that she has passed away. Thinking and praying for you all. Nancy (Beth) Kraybill Sabb.*

Nancy Kraybill Sabb - December 15, 2023 at 04:57 PM

DJ

“ Hello, I am one of the nurses that cared for Marty. I will miss her gentle smile and just being around her. Marty made me smile. God bless. Donna Jackson

Donna Jackson - December 15, 2023 at 01:29 PM

RA

“ We were very sorry to see that Mrs. Sheetz passed away. She was a very nice and kind Lady. Rick remembers her from Hamilton Park Church, Marietta Ave. and Homestead Village. That's a history of about 60 years.
She graduated from McCaskey with my Aunt Lois Oblender Stoner and my Aunt always enjoyed visiting Marty at school reunions and staying at her home.
She will be missed by many and by Rick as he saw her often lately at Homestead.
Sincerely,
Rick and Michelle Atwater

Richard H. Atwater - December 15, 2023 at 12:43 PM

FD

“ Dear Marty's family

My heartfelt condolences to your family. May you find comfort knowing that Marty and Dick touched so many lives through their involvement in the community and funeral service. May your cherished memories of Marty help your healing as time goes by.

Fred Didyoung

Fred Didyoung - December 15, 2023 at 11:22 AM

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“ We always enjoyed being with Marty at Rick and Linda’s home over the years, and we’ll never forget her at Adrienne and Audrey’s weddings! Very memorable to say the least. Thanks, Marty, for being such a great matriarch of the Sheetz family. Enjoy your rest!
Mike and Paula

Paula Garman - December 13, 2023 at 07:39 PM