



Alma B Bender (Beitzel)

August 4, 1920 - September 10, 2014

Alma B. (Beitzel) Bender, 94, of Chambersburg passed away on Wed., Sept. 10, 2014 at home, surrounded by her family. She was born August 4, 1920 in Chambersburg, the daughter of the late Samuel and Annie E. (Boyer) Beitzel. She was a lifetime member of Central Presbyterian Church, past member of the choir and Semper Fidelis Sunday school class, and a graduate of C. H. S. Class of 1938. Alma was a life member of the Chambersburg Garden Club, a member of the Tuscarora Daffodil and American Daffodil Groups and the Federated Garden Club, for which she traveled all over the state of Pennsylvania to judge at flower shows. She loved to arrange flowers and won lots of awards, especially for her daffodils. Among other organizations, she was as a member of the P.E.O. Alma loved to travel and took her children all over the Western and New England states, visiting many national parks. Alma loved to entertain and to play cards, but she loved her family more than anything. Surviving are her three children: Grace A. Bender; Charles A. (Evelyn) Bender Jr.; David A. (Linda) Bender; six grandchildren: Brook, Jacklyn, Charles Conrad, Eric, Bryan, Alan and three great grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Bender; a son, Samuel Bender; two sisters and two brothers; she was the last of five children. A funeral service will be held Mon., Sept. 15, 2014 at 2 PM in the Central Presbyterian Church with Rev. Scott Bowerman officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Alma's name to the Central Presbyterian Church, 40 LWW, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com

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“ Dear Bender family,
I am a community volunteer. I know you do not know me personally but I wanted to share a few thoughts from the Bible that has encouraged me greatly. In Psalms 37:29 it says "The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it." the Bible gives us a wonderful hope for the future. How can we be sure of these promises? In Luke chapter 11 the powerful account of Jesus friend Lazarus resurrection is just a glimpse of what he will do in the future.

Kelsey Stanley - September 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Miss Alma in 2003, on the first of two visits to the Chambersburg Daffodil Society show, one of the oldest in all of the American Daffodil Society. She grew beautiful daffodils and enjoyed flowers exhibited by all the visitors to the show. She was a plant person, but even more, a people person, and I enjoyed sitting with her near the entrance, as she welcomed visitors. Because I was at that time editor of the ADS Journal, she called me "the writer lady." I treasured our friendship, formed over a series of brief visits, and some correspondence. She was an icon and an inspiration for all of us.

Loyce McKenzie - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM