



## Rachel Cooke

July 12, 1923 - February 27, 2017

Rachel P. Cooke, age 93, passed away peacefully at the Penn Hall Nursing Home in Chambersburg, PA on February 27, 2017. Born July 12, 1923 in Laconia, NH, the daughter of the late Joseph P. and Mildred "Joy" Pitman, the family moved to Chambersburg in 1936. Rachel graduated from the Penn Hall Preparatory School in 1941. That same year she married the late George C. Cooke 3rd of Chambersburg and moved to Canada where he was a flight instructor with the RCAF. Subsequent moves were to AL, MS, TX, NY, FL and PA in 1986.

Rachel was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring where she was an office volunteer for many years. She was a member of the Chambersburg Afternoon Club and the Franklin County Art Alliance. Her interests were art and aviation, having learned to fly in 1939. Despite many physical challenges during her life, she showed incredible courage and determination to go about her life in a positive way. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and was often quoted saying "Everyday is a New Adventure".

Surviving are her brother Joseph P. Pitman, Vero Beach, FL, two sons, George C. Cooke 4th and wife Mary of Richland, WA, and Stephen B. Cooke and partner Patricia L. Baer of Jaffrey, NH, four grandsons, James E. Cooke, George Cirrus Cooke, Christopher B. Cooke and Bryce R. Cooke, great grandchildren Anne, William, Riley, Liam, Savannah and Arianna. Rachel was preceded in death by her daughter Constance J. Cooke in 2010 and sister Constance P. Keele in 2016. Two nieces, Joy Zimmerman and Judy Beagle both of Chambersburg were essential to Rachel's quality of life and personal care for many years during her later life and for which her two sons are eternally grateful.

Burial will be in the Falling Springs Cemetery. Arrangements by Sellers Funeral Home will be provided at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.sellersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sellersfuneralhome.com)