

## OBITUARY

### Katherine Blessing

HACKETTSTOWN — Katherine Woodruff Blessing, 102, died Friday, June 27, in Heath Village Retirement Community, Washington Township (Morris).

Born on Dec. 14, 1900 in Newark, she was a daughter of the late William and Lillian Downs Woodruff.

She lived in Hackettstown all her life and had been an assistant librarian with the Hackettstown Public library.

Her husband, the late C. Henry Blessing, was a former mayor of Hackettstown.

Her mother, Lillian Downs, was in

the first graduating class of Hackettstown High School.

She was the oldest standing member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown.

She was active in the Hackettstown Women's Club, Keeper of the Keys to the Hackettstown Historical Society, and an avid bridge player.

She is survived by two nieces, Ann Blessing Hibler of Hackettstown, and Maud Blessing Bittel, of Staten Island, N.Y., and many great nieces and nephews.

Services and arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the church building fund, 213 Main St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

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**Services:** 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown. Call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

**Memorials:** In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the church building fund, 213 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Those wishing to leave online condolences may do so at: [www.cochranfuneral.com](http://www.cochranfuneral.com).

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