

OBITUARY

Claire Timbrell Swanson Bonnell, age 90, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

She was born July 23, 1917 in Stanhope, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Charles Hiram and Alma Wilkinson Timbrell. After graduating from Hackettstown High School, in New Jersey, in 1935 and Rider College in 1938, she taught at Bound Brook, High School. She married O. Gunnar Swanson in 1942.

After raising her children, she returned to teaching in Hillsborough Township, NJ and taught for 20 years until she retired. Mr. Swanson died in 1980.

Mrs. Swanson married Mr. Walter Bonnell, also from Hackettstown High School, in 1985 and they moved to Mercer, Pennsylvania. In 1997 they moved to Springhill Retirement Community in Erie, PA and in 2004 to Lynchburg, Virginia to live closer to their children. Mr. Bonnell died in 2006. They were members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg.

Claire is survived by her sons John Swanson and his wife Judy of Lynchburg and Eric Swanson and his wife Diane of Chicago, Illinois. She is also survived by two grandsons, and seven great grandchildren. Interment will be in Fair Oaks Cemetery, New Wilmington, PA.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family, 434-237-9424. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.tharpfuneralhome.com.

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