

Independence mourns loss of Kroemer

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INDEPENDENCE — An Independence Township woman will be forever remembered as a friend and asset to the community.

Elfriede H. Kroemer, recognized as a warm-hearted person who helped the community in countless ways, died on Nov. 24 in her Independence Township home at the age of 74.

Born in Germany, Kroemer moved to Independence Township in 1963 from Rockville Centre, N.Y.

She served as the township clerk from 1974 to 1983, during which time she was very active in helping the "Independent Seniors" acquire their senior citizen center on Route 46 in Great Meadows. After she retired, she also became a member of the "Independent Seniors."

"She had time for everybody," said Helen Zwarych, a friend of Kroemer's and supervisor of the senior center.

"She was really an asset to our



ELFRIEDE H. KROEMER

community," she said.

Kroemer also served as a committeewoman in Independence in 1989 and 1990, and, at various times, she served as treasurer for the township.

Robert Giordano, who served as mayor while Kroemer was a

councilwoman, remembers her as a friend who "got along with everyone."

"She was a great person and she's going to be sorely missed in the community," Giordano said.

Kroemer was also an active community member as is shown by her extensive involvement in many local organizations.

Kroemer was a member and served as treasurer of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown, and was a member of the women's guild at the church.

She also was president of the Hackettstown Women's Club, a member of the Soroptomist Club in Hackettstown, a co-ordinator in the Warren County Library, a secretary and treasurer of the Warren County Republican Club, a member of both the Independence Township Planning Board and Election Board, a legal secretary for several years for Albert Thorp in Hackettstown, and was instrumental in creating the administration department at Heath Village Retirement Community in Hackettstown.

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Elfriede Kroemer died Nov. 24 in her Independence Township home. She was 74.

Born in Germany, she had lived in Independence Township since 1963, after moving from Rockville Centre, N.Y.

She served as a committeewoman in Independence Township in 1989 and 1990, and as township clerk from 1974 to 1983. Kroemer was also involved in many local organizations. (See additional article on her life.)

Her second husband was the late Daniel W. Kroemer, who died in 1965, and her first husband, John Pulschen, died in 1943. She was the daughter of the late Theodore and Anna Catherine Wisch Voltmer.

She is survived by four daughters, Linda Braun of Oceanside, N.Y., Monica Derry of Brielle, N.J., Erika Everett of Independence Township, and Thea Van Horn of Knoxville, Tenn.; four brothers, Helmut Voltmer of Hackettstown, Herman Voltmer of Whiting, Egon Voltmer of Macon Georgia, and Ralph Voltmer of Montclair; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, and burial was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

Donations may be sent to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 409 East Baldwin St., Hackettstown.

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