

Beatrice K. McMurtrie, took in 29 foster children

HACKETTSTOWN — Beatrice K. McMurtrie, 92, died Friday, Feb. 25, in her home after a long illness.

Born Oct. 31, 1901, in Bridgeport, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Harry and Eme Louise Franke Simpson. She lived in Mount Bethel for many years, before moving to Hackettstown four years ago.

Her husband, Gerald, died in 1988. Over the years of their married life, they took in 29 foster children.

Surviving are three daughters, Eme Lou Troop of Flanders, Shirley Munson of Hackettstown, with whom she lived, and Jeanne Lee of Phillipsburg; two sons, David of Boca Raton, Fla., and Gerald Jr. of Hackettstown; a sister, Pearle Hunt of Blairstown; a brother, Alanson Simpson of Winter Haven, Fla.; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Newbaker Funeral Home, Route 94, Blairstown. Call from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Stillwater Cemetery.

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NAME: Beatrice K. McMurtrie (nee Simpson)

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