

OBITUARY

Helen Gillespie Montfort

HACKETTSTOWN — Helen Gillespie Montfort died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, in Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, Hackettstown. She was 94.

Born in Binghamton, N.Y., on July 6, 1911, she lived in Morristown from 1940 to 1962, before moving to Hackettstown in 1963.

In her younger years, Helen worked as a social worker in New York City, from 1935 to 1937.

From 1970 to 1983, she worked at Hackettstown Community Hospital, establishing the Social Services Department.

She was a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., Class of 1933, and a graduate of Smith College School of Social Work, North Hampton, Mass., Class of 1935. She was a member of the Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church, where she was a Deacon and Elder. She was also a member of the Church's Ladies Circle organization.

While living in Morristown, she was a volunteer for the Morristown United Way.

Helen was a member of the American Association of University Women and served as president. She also established a branch of the American Association of University Women in Hackettstown. An active member of the Morristown Women's Club, Helen was the recipient of the Cecelia Gaines Holland Award in 1997, recognizing her community service.

She was a Charter Member and Co-archivist of the Hackettstown Historical Society. She was a Founder of the Hackettstown Women's Club in 1969 and was voted Hackettstown Woman of the Year, as well as a Hackettstown Senior Hall of Fame in 1987.

She established the Institute for Learning at Centenary College in 1963, and participated in this Institute until recently.

She was the wife of the late Lambeth R. Montfort, who died in 1970. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Edward and Grace Curran Gillespie.

She is survived by two sons, Edward D. Montfort of White Plains, Md., and William C. Montfort of Long Valley; one daughter, Nancy L. Bozdogan of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Louise Alberts of Lima, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and, three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown. A memorial service was held at Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church, Hackettstown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church, 298 Main St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840; Public Health Nursing Agency, 162 E. Washington Ave., Washington, N.J. 07882; and Visiting Homemaker Service of Warren Co., 18 Broad St., Washington, N.J. 07882.

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