

OBITUARY

Leila Hendershot O'Hea

Leila Hendershot O'Hea, 91, died April 11, 2009, in Hackettstown Regional Medical Center.

Born: In Hackettstown on December 27, 1917, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Edna Nelson O'Hea.

Personal: She lived in Hackettstown all her life, and was the wife of the late John L. O'Hea who passed away in 1993, they celebrated their 54 year anniversary before his passing. She was a graduate of Hackettstown High School in 1936.

She was very active during her life, active in the Mothers Club, Jr. Women's Club, Cub Scout Den Mother, chaperone for endless dances, skating parties, proms, band concerts. She was never too busy to lend a helping hand. Riddled with arthritis since age 16, Leila continued through life touching others with beautiful craftworks of afghans; baby clothes, hundreds of lap blankets for U.S. Veterans, scarf's, sweaters, etc., each one a work of love. Knitting, crocheting, and ceramics were part of her talented abilities.

She was a Senior Hall Of Fame Inductee in 2004.

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Leila brought love and compassion to all those she met in her 91 years and will be fondly remembered by all.

Memberships: She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hackettstown for 79 years.

She was also a Hackettstown Regional Medical Center Volunteer and managed the Gift Shop in the early days of the hospital. She was also in the Auxiliary of the River Hospital, Alexandria Bay, NY.

Survivors: sons, Gordon M. O'Hea of Hackettstown, her care giver since 1997, Michael J. and his wife Regina of Logan, WV; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Ginnis of Grove City, PA, Jonathan and Justin O'Hea of NJ; three great-grandsons, David and Nicholas Smither, of Grove City, Mark O'Hea of NJ; several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a granddaughter Amy Lynn O'Hea in 2008; a brother and sister Gordon R. Hendershot and Helen Hendershot Bieri.

Services: Visitation hours will be announced. Memorial service will be at the First Presbyterian Church to be announced at a later date. Prior notice will be given so those who would like to attend will be able to. Interment will be private.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 298 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840, would be appreciated and a lasting tribute to Leila's love of this grand old church.

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Funeral service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown.

Arrangements were handled by Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 298 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Private online condolences may be made to www.cochran-funeral.com.

The Express-Times: 15 April, 2009

The Warren Reporter: 8 May, 2009

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DATE OF DEATH: 11 April, 2009