

OBITUARY

Leila Hendershot O'Hea, 91, died April 11, 2009 in Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. Leila lived in Hackettstown all of her life. She was born in Hackettstown Dec. 27, 1917 to the late Raymond and Edna (Nelson) O'Hea.

She was the wife of the late John L. O'Hea (1993); they celebrated 54 years of marriage until his passing.

During the mid 1960s through the early 1970s, Leila was manager of all the Hackettstown School cafeterias where all the food was prepared and home baked goods made daily. Record sales of lunches were attained during this period of time. The only complainers were those whose mothers couldn't cook!

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown for 79 years; graduate of Hackettstown High School in 1936; 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 afgans, baby clothes, hundreds of lap blankets for U.S. Veterans, scarves, 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. 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. Leila brought love and compassion to all those she met in her 91 years and will be fondly remembered by all.

She is survived by two sons, Gordon M. O'Hea of Hackettstown, her caregiver since 1997, and Michael J. and his wife Regina of Logan, W.V.; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Ginnis of Grove City, Pa., and Jonathan and Justin O'Hea of New Jersey; three great grandsons, David and Nicholas Smither of Grove City, Pa., and Mark O'Hea of New Jersey; several nieces and nephews.

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

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.cochranfuneral.com. Arrangements were handled by Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

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