

Martha Anne Palmer

HACKETTSTOWN — Martha Anne Palmer died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006 at the home of her daughter in Hackettstown. She was 74.

Born Dec. 28, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Pa., she was a daughter of the late John L. and Catherine E. Bartleson Palmer.

Martha lived in Baltimore, Md. for 30 years. She was a registered nurse, founding COPE Inc., a private care management that provides services to elderly persons and their families, from 1996 to the present. Previously, she was a clinical specialist from 1997 to 1999 in Easton, Md., and was a psychiatric consultant at Oakcrest Retirement Village, Baltimore, Md. She was a coordinator for Geriatric Psychiatry Day Hospital, John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., was a coordinator of services to the Aged from 1980 to 1989 at Bon Secours Hospital, Baltimore, Md., as a gerontological clinical specialist and had served in many other professional capacities during her nursing career. She was a lecturer, workshop instructor, seminar presenter, consultant, and writer of many works concerning the elderly.

Martha was a graduate of Waynesboro High School, and received her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore, Md. In 1991. She received her Certificate of Advanced Study in Psychology from Loyola College, Baltimore, Md. in 1987, and her Master of Arts in Adult Development and Aging from Antioch University in Baltimore, Md. in 1980. She received her B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Education from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. in 1974, and her diploma in Nursing from Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing in 1953.

She was a member of the Maryland Gerontological Association, the Baltimore County Provider Council, the National Association Professional Geriatric Care Managers, the Alzheimer's Association of the Greater Maryland, Phi Beta Kappa, 1973, and Sigma Theta Tau (nursing) in 1991.

She is survived by a son, Jeffrey K. Warnick of Greencastle, Pa.; a daughter, Julie Houston and her husband Dean R. of Hackettstown; a brother, Judge Larry Palmer of Hopewell, Va.; a sister, Mary Louise Whitlock-Connolly of York, Pa; and four grandchildren, Jennipher A. Barton, Kyle A. Warnick, Ryan M. Warnick, and Elizabeth H. Houston.

Interment was private. The Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.cochranfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860; or to the American Cancer Society, 669 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054-4834.

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