



Harriet Stallings Jarosh

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Harriet S. Jarosh, age 72, of Rehoboth Beach and Laurel, DE died peacefully with her family at her side on Friday, April 27, 2012, at Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center of Lewes, DE. She was born in Laurel, the daughter of the late John Whigham Stallings and Catherine Hitchens Stallings Marvil. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her second husband William Sharpless Hickman Jr., stepfather James Edward Marvil, MD, a sister, Nancy Hitchens Stallings, an aunt and an uncle, Betty and John Wheeler, and a cousin-in-law Karen Wheeler.

After her childhood in Laurel, Harriet moved to Brookline, MA, where she attended Lasell and Simmons colleges. After her subsequent move to Exton, PA, she achieved a Master's in Library Science at Villanova University. She eventually settled in West Chester, PA, working in the Downingtown and Malvern branches, and the Exton root, of the Chester County, PA library system. She was a founder of the first recycling center in Chester County.

When she returned to Laurel in 2006, her original job was at the Georgetown Public Library. She was next appointed Director of the Laurel Public Library, where she stayed until her retirement in 2009.

Harriet was a member St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel, the American Association of University Women, The Sierra Club, and the Surfrider Foundation. She liked dining out, going to the beach, and traveling, by car, train, and ship. She enjoyed animals of all kinds, was known for her sense of humor and passionate opinions.

She is survived by two sons: John Patrick "Rick" Jarosh, Jr., of Rehoboth Beach, and William "Bill" Hickman of Ventura, CA; by Bill's wife, Julie Niceswanger Hickman, of Ventura; and two granddaughters: Katelyn Rose and Carissa Belle Hickman, of Ventura. She is also survived by a first husband, Cassandra Cleary, formerly John Patrick Jarosh Sr., of Pasadena, CA; and two cousins: Ann Wheeler Velasquez and Jack Wheeler.



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Funeral Services will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Second and Market Streets, Lewes, DE at 1:00 PM, Thursday, May 3. The family will greet friends at the church beginning at noon. Internment will follow at Epworth Methodist Cemetery, Rehoboth Beach. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

The family requests memorial contributions to the Surfrider Foundation, PO Box 6010, San Clemente, CA 92674 or Planned Parenthood, 1108 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 or St. Peter's Episcopal Church at the above address.

Please sign Harriet's online guestbook at this site.

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NS

Natalie E. Sherman posted:

Dear Rick - Your Mother was a wonderful Mother to you, especially as she raised you alone. I would have sent this earlier had I known of the guestbook. Love, Aunt Natalie and Uncle Wes

June 8 at 8:00 PM

KC

Kimberly Sutton Coyne posted:

Dearest Rick and Bill, I wanted to send you my most sincere prayers at the passing of Aunt Harriet. She was always a very wonderful woman to me and I will always remember her with warmth and love. (I remember with a giggle seeing her at the ladies clothing shop in WC selling me and my mom very preppy Dean sweaters when I was a kid). Always remember, she loved you both very much and always spoke of you both with great pride. Love, Kimberly

May 3 at 8:00 PM

LE

Lyn Eaton posted:

My sympathy to the family. Harriet was an AAUW pillar having served, TWICE, as president of the West Chester branch, begun the FIRST WC Recycling Center and established WC-AAUW's Educational Equity Roundtable I. What a dynamo! A great loss to all.

May 1 at 8:00 PM

JG

Judith Warnick-Geiger posted:

To the Family of Harriet Jarosh, Harriet was my boss at the Downingtown Public Library when I was in high school and she was very kind. Please know your are in my prayers.

April 30 at 8:00 PM

CF

Carla Grot, Chadds Ford Pa posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother and grandmother. Harriet was one of my best friends who I could depend on for advise and help in times of need. We shared many happy hours at the West Chester AAUW meetings and national conventions. I valued her insight and convictions. I will miss her. Sincerely Carla Grot.

April 30 at 8:00 PM



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JB

Jane Pengelly Brigman posted:

Dear Ricky and William, I am saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. I remember her well as a proud and loving mother and a well educated and vibrant woman. My prayers are with you.
Sincerely, Jane BrigmanY

April 30 at 8:00 PM

LB

Linda J. Boyd posted:

I am sorry to hear of Harriet's passing. My mother, Betty Boyd, worked for her at the Downingtown Library. She was a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. Sincerely, Linda J. Boyd

April 30 at 8:00 PM

NC

Nancy B. Lowe, Cousin posted:

Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy

April 29 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harriet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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