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F LORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

Professor Emeritus Lucille (Lucy) Koon of Harbeson, Delaware passed away in the comfort of her home on July 14, 2019. She was surrounded by family and loved ones.

A native of Alexander Mills, North Carolina, Lucy was born in 1935 to Mary and Roy Nanney, the youngest of their four children. Lucy graduated from R-S Central High School in 1952 after excelling in both basketball and swimming. She then attended Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education in 1956. Lucy continued her education at Appalachian State earning a Master's Degree in physical education and counseling in 1961. After teaching for two years in North Carolina, Lucy relocated to Delaware, accepting teaching and coaching positions at Milford High School. Her 1962-63 field hockey and basketball teams at Milford were both undefeated. Lucy accepted a teaching position at Wesley College in 1964. Over her 29 years at Wesley, Lucy served as chairperson of the social science, education and nursing division while teaching a variety of classes and coaching several women's athletic teams.

Retirement from Wesley College didn't mean that Lucy slowed down at all. While she and her partner operated Sheepskins Unlimited in Rehoboth Beach for several years, Lucy's creative side and sewing skills were on full display. After several years of working with sheepskins, Lucy turned her talents to the construction business operating Pegasus Construction as she took advantage of the building boom which was starting to take place in the Rehoboth area. Over the next several years, Lucy built over 60 houses before retiring again in 2006.

Lucy was recognized for her contributions to teaching and to women's sports by the American Association of Physical Education and Dance (AAPERD) in 1992. Also, in 2012, the Delaware Women's Alliance on Sports and Fitness (DWASF) awarded its "Pioneer in Women's Sports" award to Lucy. Most notably, Lucy was inducted into the Wesley College Hall of Fame for her



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contribution to women's basketball. Lucy played basketball in high school and took the initiative to coach the first women's basketball team at Wesley in 1964. That first year, with no budget and no uniforms, her team won their local league championship.

Lucy is survived by her partner of 40 years, Dr. Diane Stetina, sons Kenneth (Sally) and Russell Koon, and granddaughter Sarah Koon. Other survivors include Lucy's older sister, Margie Metcalf of Salt Lake City, UT, special niece and caregivers Barbara Nanney (Vicki Davis) of Peachtree City, GA, and several other nieces and nephews. Lucy was predeceased by her brothers and their wives: Joe (Martha) Nanney and Louis (Juanita) Nanney, and by her brother-in-law Bill Metcalf.

It was Lucy's wish that she be cremated. Please join us at 109 Pinewater Drive, Harbeson, DE 19951, to celebrate Lucy's life on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Delaware Hospice which can be made online at www.delawarehospice.org/donate OR mailed to Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriot's Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign Lucy's online guestbook located on this site.




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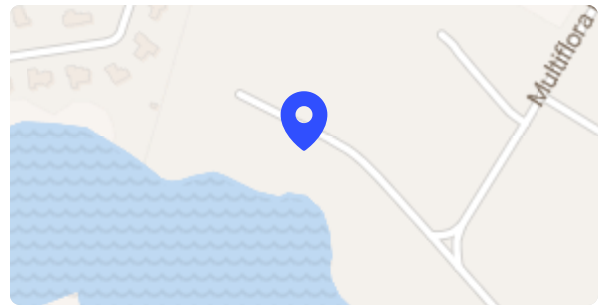
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Celebration of life

 **Thursday**, July 25, 2019

 4:00 PM ET

 **Lucy's Celebration of Life**
109 Pinewater Drive, Harbeson DE 19951





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MH

Martha Jean Nanney Howe posted:

To Barbara Ann and Vicki, Ken and Russell, Diane, and all who loved Aunt Lucy, my dad's sister: What an amazing woman! She seemed to master everything that she tried. I remember her wonderful cooking while growing up, especially her yeast rolls and a lasagna-like casserole called "Tagliarna". I always think of Aunt Lucy when I make it. I had little contact with her over the years, but her absence will leave a hole in our lives. My sincerest condolences to you all.

August 3 at 5:56 AM



Cynthia Campbell posted:

We were fortunate to spend some time with Lucy, as members of the Lewes Beekeeping Club. She always had a smile and a can do attitude. Blessings to all who loved her. She will be missed. Tim and Cynthia Campbell, Lewes

July 24 at 8:56 AM

KE

Karen Eoppolo posted:

I am sincerely sorry to hear of Lucy's passing. Kenny and Russell, I thought your mother was an amazing woman, and I remember her fondly. I am thinking of those who hold her dear. Karen Eoppolo

July 21 at 1:32 PM

SW

Sara Wright posted:

Many good memories from those summers of women's softball & my few semesters at Wesley. Her smile, her laugh and her calm approach to any situation- it was my great fortune to have known her. Thoughts are with you, Diane, Russel, Sally & all the family-Sara Wright

July 19 at 10:29 AM

NT

Nancy (Squeaker) Tribbitt July 20 at 3:34 AM

My condolences to Diane and the Family. Many good memories of Lucy's laughter and calm demeanor during our many fun times during summer softball games. She was a role model for many that will continue on. Nancy (Squeaker) Tribbitt



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JB

Jonathan Baker posted:

God's blessings and comfort to Diane and all the family and friends of Lucille. God truly blessed me to have so many experiences with Lucille over the years between our time together at Wesley College and Epworth U.M. Church. Her beautiful smile and spirit will remain a treasured memory for me. Jonathan & Donna Baker

July 18 at 12:15 PM

DR

De Raynes lit a candle in honor of Lucille.

I will see that smile and hear her laugh for many years to come. I think of southern cooking... i remember a talented woman who could do anything (what a wonderful role model!)...and she cared so deeply for her loved ones. We were truly graced by the time Lucy spent with us...



July 18 at 7:44 AM

NA

Nina Ashton posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to Diane and the Koon family. I remember working with Lucy and Diane on a few Relay for Life functions and how kind and caring and supportive she was, for those events. She is leaving us with many wonderful memories.

July 18 at 6:53 AM

MA

Marina posted:

So so sorry to hear of Lucy's passing. Condolences to Diane and the Koon Family. Joy Boone and Marina Simmers.

July 18 at 4:32 AM

TB

Tim Bamforth posted:

A great lady that will be missed...Tim & Monique Bamforth & the Seashore Striders

July 17 at 5:57 PM



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LD

Linda Didomenicis posted:

Ken ,Sally and Diane and the Koon Family,so sorry for your loss may Lucy Rest In PeaceLinda DiDomenicis

July 17 at 11:50 AM

JA

Jessie Achey posted:

So sorry to hear of Lucy's passing. She was a wonderful upbeat friend and neighbor. Sending our condolences to Dianne. Will miss Lucy. 🙏Jessie abs Dave

July 17 at 7:15 AM

SM

Susan Kirby Mitchell posted:

Susan Kirby MitchellLucy was a wonderful role model for many people, especially young women. The years I played for her were one of the highlights of my life. She brought magic and unity to her teams. Rest in peace my friend.

July 16 at 1:48 PM

CH

Chris posted:

My sincere condolences Diane, Ken and Russel. I have many fond memories of Lucy and was saddened to hear of her passing..Chris Fraser

July 16 at 1:08 PM

BS

Barry Segel posted:

To all of Lucy's family, Sheryl and I send our deepest condolences We miss our dear friends Ken, Sally and Sarah. Dianne , we are so sorry to hear this While we were in DE we got to celebrate good times with your family, and had the chance to get to know you and Lucy.For that we are very thankful Sending love your way.Sheryl and Barry Segel

July 16 at 11:35 AM



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SU

Summer lit a candle in honor of Lucille.

Very kind and giving neighbor. She will be missed. Summer

July 16 at 11:29 AM



CE

Catherine Elliott posted:

Diane, we are so sorry for your loss. Lucy was a special person. Jerry and I are thinking of you and if there is anything we can do, please let us know. Kitty and Jerry Elliott

July 16 at 10:24 AM

SI

Sue Isaacs posted:

Lucy was a one of a kind special lady. She was a role model for many, and left this world a much better place. Her students and friends learned life lessons of fairness, teamwork, and hard work. She is missed. Sue Isaacs. Rehoboth

July 16 at 10:04 AM

JP

Judy Phillips posted:

So sorry to read this obit, Lucy was the nicest person and always laughing. She will be missed by her community. Judy Phillips

July 16 at 7:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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