



Blanche P. Messick

July 16, 1928 - April 7, 2021

Blanche P. Messick, 92, of Rehoboth Beach Delaware, formerly of Centreville, Delaware passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in New York City to the late Harry Pack and his wife Anna Obzut Pack.

As the child of a Russian Jewish immigrant father and a first - generation American, Polish Catholic mother, Blanche had a deep-seated awareness of the value of every person. Eventually her family moved to Sussex County where they were pioneers in the early poultry industry. Later they owned the Bottle and Cork for 14 years until 1969. That was where Blanche met the love of her life, Larry Messick, the trumpet player in a Dixieland band. They married in 1964 and shared a family of five children. For over 20 years Blanche was a fiercely dedicated and beloved preschool teacher at Tower Hill School.

In retirement, Larry and Blanche moved back to Rehoboth where they thrived on the excitement and camaraderie of hosting family and friends. Blanche was Captain of the reigning champion trivia team "Rain Man "at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club. She loved it! Blanche was also a serious bridge player for 75 years and her Wednesday group was a mainstay she thoroughly enjoyed. Blanche revered her friends, young and old, and kept in touch with dozens by phone, text, email, and FaceTime. She was gracious and vivacious and loved her cheerful home full of books and music.

In addition to her parents, Blanche was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Charlotte Campbell, in August 2020. She is survived by her children: Andrea Scott and her husband Rodney, Daniel Stokes and his wife Susan Henderson, Mimi Otto and her husband Thomas, Valarie Elliott and her husband Richard, and L. Thomas Messick and his wife Alice Bennett; her grandchildren: Megan Martz, Peter Martz, Molly Scott, Nat Scott, Susanna Gewirtz, Katherine Stokes, Nick Stokes, Alex Otto Newhook, Tyler Messick, Victoria Messick, Julia Elliott - Ozug, Gibb Elliott and Scott Elliott; her 13 great grandchildren; her nieces: Susie, Shelly, and Bunny; and her bonus son Carl Grimm.

A Celebration of Blanche's Life will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the

Rehoboth Beach Country Club, 221 West Side Dr, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Blanche's memory to the Rehoboth Beach Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Events

JUN 28 **Flowers to be delivered by:** 10:30AM

Rehoboth Beach Country Club
221 W. Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE, US

JUN 28 **Celebration of Life** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ I am just seeing this today, and wish I could have given my condolences in person to all, at her Celebration of Life service. Blanche was a loving person. She was ebullient and sassy and vivacious. She was very inclusive and advocated tolerance and understanding. Both Larry and Blanche were fountains of wisdom, kindness and love. “Their” story was indeed an inspirational love story. To be in their presence one found kindness and respect and peace. The world was definitely a better place because of them . May their memories be eternal, an may we remember and practice example.

My condolences to all of her beautiful family. It was. A joy to know your parents.

Edie Reynolds



edie reynolds - June 30 at 06:54 PM



“ Valarie and Andi- Troy and I send our heartfelt love and prayers. I absolutely LOVED working alongside your mom before we grew our family. The best was when I unknowingly sent Hattie to PK with chicken pox. Blanche could not have been sweeter I’m telling g me what a moron I was!!!! I’ll always remember her gentle yet firm way of getting a message across whether it was to an adult or a child Lots of good memories. Loads of love to ALL of you!! Greer and Troy Silliman

greer silliman - June 13 at 02:17 PM



“ This message is for all of Blanche's family, but especially Mimi and Tom whom we know.

We have very special memories of times w/ both Blance and Larry when we were dating and early married in the '60s and '70s and they were living in Centerville/upstate DE.

Please accept our condolences and hopes that your happy memories are bringing you comfort as you grieve.

I also have to share a memory of Larry who gave my mother recorder lessons (I think at Brecks Mill) many years ago. She kept playing them for the rest of her life - having one of each size when she died. I was able to to give them to a musicians group in SC where she was then living.

Our love to all of you and God bless,
Betty and Eddie White

Elizabeth S White - May 02 at 06:01 PM



“ Her last words to me from the hospital, “looking forward to seeing you later in the spring, ‘we”ll party hearty just for the joy of it’.” Love from your very very old friend, Marge.

Marge Altergott - April 18 at 12:04 PM



“ Sincere hugs of sympathy to all of Blanche's family. She was a joy to know and was a delightful, dedicated, loving teacher to my children as well as legions of others lucky enough to have benefitted from her exceptional care. Fondly, Lynn Weymouth

Lynn Weymouth - April 17 at 02:38 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all the family. She married my Uncle Lawrence and made him the happiest man alive. They would come down to Florida and visit my Mom and Dad who was Lawrence's brother. She was such a bubbly person. I was in the hospital after a major surgery in Orlando and they walked into the room and it was like a bright light appeared. I didn't get up to see them too often, but enjoyed every time we did. Cherish the wonderful memories you all have with each other. Peace and Love. Linda Messick Parrish

Linda Parrish - April 15 at 03:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Blanche was so sweet and kind and always with a smile! We all will miss her so much. God Bless ! Anne Lynam

Anne Lynam - April 15 at 04:03 PM



“ What a special, loving friend. I miss her dearly. She kept me on my toes.

Juliana VanTol - April 15 at 06:19 AM



“ Dear Andi and mimi my deepest sympathy on the passing of your energetic mom. she will be missed. My thoughts will be with you and your family.
Dj

Denise Johnson - April 14 at 07:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laurie Steelsmith - April 14 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Mimi and Family,
Michael and I were very sorry to read of your MOM's passing. She was indeed a wonderful woman and so good to our children and to us. Thinking of you.
Fran Carunchio

Frances Carunchio - April 14 at 11:09 AM



“ So very sad to get this news. You folks know how much I love her and your whole family. I will keep in touch with Becky at RBCC and hopefully can attend any memorial you have for her later. Love you all.

Jim Killion - April 13 at 12:21 PM



“ I was so sad to learn that Blanche had left us. Although I will miss her greatly I have wonderful memories of the good times we shared with Blanche and Larry throughout our lives. God Bless her wonderful family Bill Jefferson

William H Jefferson - April 20 at 04:53 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear the news of Blanche's passing. We shared the connection of being teachers at Tower Hill School and forged a relationship at Rehoboth Beach Country Club when she and Larry were always in attendance when my trio performed there. What a beautiful couple and what a gem she was! I will miss her dearly. My condolences to her family.

Sara Bush

Sara Bush - April 21 at 02:51 PM