



Alice "Lorraine" Kesterson

January 27, 1930 - September 10, 2019

Lorraine Kesterson

Alice Lorraine Kesterson, 89, formerly of Butler, passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot. She was born January 27, 1930 in Butler, the daughter of the late Earl Victor and Mary Helen (Roth) Wise. A graduate of the Butler High School class of 1948, she completed her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education at Slippery Rock University and received her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Lorraine was a school librarian for Seneca Valley School District for over 20 years and retired in 1993. Her retirement years found her traveling to various US states and National Parks and visiting Wales, Italy and Thailand. She was active in volunteering for Butler Memorial Hospital, being a "Grandma Camper" at Lutherlyn, providing Mother Goose readings and activities for children, leading book club discussions and participating in Friends of the Library of Butler Area Public Library. Lorraine was a lifelong member of First English Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir for many years.

Surviving are her daughter and son in law, Amy and Tom Lavorini of Butler; 3 grandchildren, Kay Marie Lavorini and her husband Mike Taylor of Washington, DC; Peter Lavorini and his wife Marilu Utrera of Brooklyn, NY; and Joseph Lavorini of Colorado Springs, CO. Also surviving are her son in law Randy Ifft of Chicago, IL and her Wise nieces and nephew: Ellen Riley, Andrea Bressler, Debi Brannon, Barbara Zellerino and Matthew Clark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William W. Kesterson, whom she married October 27, 1950, her daughter Alice Kesterson, a brother, Victor Wise and a sister, Evelyn Clark.

Visitation with the family will be at First English Lutheran Church, Main Street in Butler on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 with a memorial service beginning at 10:30. Pastor Kimberly van Driel will officiate.

Private interment will be Greenlawn Burial Estates.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks the memorial donations be made to the South Butler Community Library in Saxonburg or the Butler Area Public Library.

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“ to Lorraine's family,

I was so sorry to hear of Lorraine's passing. She was a very articulate and warm person, and i will miss her.

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