



Marion Stanko Zotter

June 21, 2008

Marion Stanko Zotter, 90, passed away June 21, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. As a mother, Mrs. Zotter was a Meridian School PTA President and helped establish the hot lunch program there in the 1950's. She worked with community members to establish the auxiliary side to the then newly formed Meridian Little League. She served as her son's Den mother for Cub Scouts remaining active with Boy Scouts. Her daughters had her support in leadership in Brownies, Girl Scouts, with their church Missionary Circles, on the board of the Meridian Rainbow Assembly as one daughter became worthy advisor, and in Eastern Star as another daughter became worthy matron. In the Meridian United Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Zotter had been a member since 1949, she served as a deacon and elder, belonged to various missionary circles, worked diligently for the Beaver-Butler Presbytery and Mars Youth Home, and worked to establish a sewing group which meets monthly at the church to make lab robes which are donated to organizations or needy individuals.

As a clubwoman, Mrs. Zotter belonged to the Buttercup Garden Club, the former Woman's Club of Meridian, the Butler Federated Woman's Club, the Greater Pennsylvania Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Bonnets and Bi-Focals Red Hatters, and the Butler Doll Club. She was an active club member serving as an officer in several of these organizations, often more than once, and she could be found enjoying traveling about the county and state fulfilling her responsibilities.

As a community member, Mrs. Zotter believed in participating. She worked the refreshment stand for little league in the beginning, could be found serving for her church or the Meridian Volunteer Fire Ladies Auxiliary at the Farm Show and/or donating food for them; frequently had some craft or baked good, canned good, flower, or piece of stitchery entered in the competitions with ribbons to show for her talents. Mrs. Zotter worked as a packer and sometime deliverer for Meals on Wheels, and along with her late husband, had been recognized by both PARC and Pullman-Standard for their volunteer work in the community for Sunnyview, UCP and the Red Cross.

During Butler County's Bi-Centennial celebration, Mrs. Zotter was chosen to chair one of the county-wide committees. Part of her efforts was to put together a flag collection from the thirteen original colonies with accompanying descriptive paragraphs. During the 1976-77 school year, Mrs. Zotter visited schools throughout the county, in period attire, sharing her flag collection and information. She acquired quite a bit of memorabilia during that period, some of which can now be found at the Butler County Historical Society as a result of her pursuits and thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Zotter was preceded in death by her husband Anton "Tony" Zotter, a granddaughter Rebecca Ann Zotter, as well as her five siblings. She is survived by three children, Gretchen Zotter of San Antonio, Texas; Anton Zotter of Indianapolis, Indiana and Marion (Mrs. Arthur) Eckstein of Renfrew, PA, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren and four step great grandchildren. She will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Meridian United Presbyterian Church on Highland Avenue in Meridian.

Memorial donations can be made to your local Meals on Wheels or your local public library.

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