



Mrs. Lois Biddle Mohansingh

November 9, 1923 - May 22, 2016

Lois Biddle Mohansingh, 92, of Asheville, NC died May 22, 2016 at Brooks-Howell Home. A native of Williamsburg, PA, she was daughter of the late Robert and Grace Biddle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Samuel Mohansingh in September 2013; son, Timothy in 1994 and two brothers, Robert J. and J. Alfred Biddle.

A 1941 graduate of Williamsburg High School, Lois attended Lock Haven State Teachers College, Duke University, Kennedy School of Missions and Cornell University before receiving her Masters of Religious Education from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1966.

From an early age, Lois never considered anything other than being a missionary to China. When the Great Depression forced Lois's family to move to a farm in 1932, this began preparation for years later when she would live in Indian villages. In 1947, thoughts of being a missionary to India began creeping into her heart. She was accepted by the Mission Board in 1948 and learned that her grandmother had been praying for twenty-five years that a missionary would go out from their church.

Her first term of service was from 1948-1954 and was mostly spent at Ingraham Institute, Ghaziabad, India where she helped extend vocational training for village Christians out to the villages themselves and down to a residential school for primary age children. While there, she also trained teachers and completed the language study program with three Hindi exams. Lois even voluntarily added a year in Urdu.

After earning her M. Sc. In Rural Sociology from Cornell University in 1955, Lois began serving as a district supervisor of women's work and village mission primary schools in rural Bulandshahr. She was very active working with the teachers, their wives, and ministers to help emphasize Christian life and beliefs, homecraft and mothercraft in addition to literacy. She remained here for the next six years and also camped in the villages as often as possible.

She returned on furlough in 1963 and married Rev. Samuel Mohansingh. She continued the district supervisor work in Hissar with him until they returned to the US in 1965 to study at Asbury Seminary. She received her M.R.E. just ten days before their son Timothy was born. Unable to return to India immediately, they served a rural charge in Central Pennsylvania Conference for two years. They moved to Atlanta, Georgia to further their education at Emory University.

Dr. Mohansingh finished the work for his PH.D in 1974 and was offered and accepted a position at Leonard Theological College in Jabalpur, India. During their time at Leonard, Lois taught at the women's school until their move to Allahabad Bible Seminary in 1977 where she continued teaching English.

They moved back to the US in June 1977 due to their son's health problems where they accepted a charge from the Central Pennsylvania Conference. As a Pastor's wife, Lois still never lost her heart for missions. She remained active in teaching mission studies, Sunday school and with the United Methodist Women. Timothy went on to graduate with two engineering degrees but lost his fight and passed away in 1994.

Retiring to Williamsburg in 1996, the Mohansingh's soon found themselves involved in programs of Lois's home church. She accepted the challenge to revitalize the library and created a costume closet for dramas. She even began writing the dramas and skits.

The couple finally retired to a quiet life in 2002 at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, NC. Dr. Mohansingh died September 3, 2013.

Lois is survived by her brother, J. Edward Biddle and his wife, LaDonna of Williamsburg, PA; sister-in-law, Shelvey Biddle of Williamsburg, PA and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 AM, Friday, July 22, 2016 at Brooks-Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United Methodist Home for Children and Family Svc., Inc., 5120 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home
266 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ Love and prayers to her family and friends from Greg and Vonna (Gordon) Beach
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 the Fairview Church of the Brethren

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