



Mrs. Jane Swagler Oehmler

January 23, 1929 - October 23, 2011

Jane Swagler Oehmler, 82, died Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the Brooks Howell Home in Asheville, NC. Born January 23, 1929, she was a native of Scenery Hill, Pennsylvania and was the daughter of the late Wilbur Colin and Edith Watkins Swagler. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, George in 1995.

Jane was a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in elementary education. She married George Courtland Oehmler on July 3, 1954 and lived all of her married life in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood for 46 years, where she sang in the choir. Jane was a lifelong music lover, as well as an accomplished pianist and organist. She was a passionate and devoted supporter of the arts in Pittsburgh, particularly the symphony. From 1978 to 1981, she was President of the Women's Association of the Pittsburgh Symphony and was involved with the Three Rivers Training Orchestra and Pittsburgh Youth Symphony. An avid gardener, she was a member of the Blackridge Garden Club for forty years.

Survivors include her three children, Wendy Brenk and her husband, Michael of Chicago, IL, Christy Tate and her husband, James of Asheville, NC, and Geoffrey Oehmler and his wife, Sarah of Louisville, KY; two sisters, Ann Swagler Chapman of Meadville, PA and Mary Lou Pelzer of La Canada, CA

and nine grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 5, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, 120 East Swissvale Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Private interment services will be held at Homewood Cemetery.

A strong partner to her husband, nurturing mother to her children and steadfast, loyal friend to her many acquaintances, Jane leaves a legacy of love and caring for her family, friends, animals and the city of Pittsburgh. She was known and will be remembered for her many acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent through the website: www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Homewood Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jane Swagler Oehmler*

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“ *I know this is years late, but my 88 yr old father recently said he would like to visit with Jane if she we're still living. They were good friends in school, & in the 8th grade she received the achievement medal for the girls, while my Dad received the one for the boys. He has only fond memories of her & her family, & is sorry to hear of her passing, but was very pleased to read of the wonderful life she lived. Just thought her family would appreciate knowing she is still thought of fondly. May she rest in the peace of God's love.*

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