



Louise F. Willis

March 31, 2010

Louise Franzen Willis, 84, of Monroeville passed away March 31, 2010 at the home of her son in Livonia, Michigan. She was predeceased by her husband, Lucien, her parents Anna Japchen and John Franzen, and her siblings Rudolf Franzen, William Franzen, Philip Franzen, Edward Franzen, Pauline Franzen and Suzanne Berthe Franzen.

Louise was born February 23, 1926 in Bridgeton Hospital. She graduated from Woodstown High in 1944. She was the first in her family to attend college and pursued a career as a medical technologist. She contracted tuberculosis in 1947 and was part of the trials for a brand new drug, Streptomycin, which saved her life. She married Lucien H. Willis, of Mullica Hill, and they made their home in Haddon Heights. Louise worked in a doctor's office and switched to the lab work in industry.

Louise and Lou moved back to her childhood home in Monroeville in the late 1970's. She went back to school and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. She worked as a recycling coordinator, an elementary school teacher, a church organist and a "Lady Farmer." Her ultimate educational goal was realized at age 70 when she graduated from Temple University with her Master's Degree in Education.

Louise loved life and to her dying day she was passionate about gardening, bird watching, AAUW, democrat club, and her great-grandchildren. She was a woman before her time and will be remembered as a woman who never backed down when faced with adversity.

She is survived by her son and wife, John and Pat Willis of Livonia, Michigan and her daughter, Robyn Willis Weston of Monroeville, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Adams Funeral Home in Elmer on Monday, April 5, 2010. The family asks that contributions be made in the name of Louise's beloved Corgy, Sammy Willis, to the Society to Protect Animals, Rt 40, Carney's Point, NJ, 08069.