



## Anna Claxton

September 2, 1924 - January 27, 2009

Anna Claxton, known as “Nan” to family and friends died Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Carneys Point Care Center. She was born at home in Carneys Point where she resided prior to going to Carneys Point Care Center. While in school at Penns Grove Regional High, Nan began working part-time at the Willis Hardware store. After graduation, she continued working there full-time for the next five years. Nan then left to go to the DuPont Company where she became secretary to the plant doctor at Plant One. During her career, she worked as secretary to six plant managers. Nan was also the editor of “The Chambers Works News” for seven years. A member of the DuPont Veteranettes from 1965 through 1997, she served as Director, Program Chair and Publicity Chair at various times. Nan retired following 30 years of service. In her community, Nan had been active. She attended the Union Presbyterian Church her entire life and served as an elder for more than 20 years. She worked at church secretarial duties and later volunteered in the same office. She organized the Pride of Carneys Point, a group dedicated to the revitalization of Dunn’s Park. Nan was a den mother for Cub Scouts. A charter member of the Historical Society of Penns Grove-Carneys Point, Nan functioned as the Artifacts Committee Chair until 2007. Also a member of the Historical Society of Pennsville, Nan served eight years on the Historic Records Committee and along with two other members, co-authored the book “Love in The Park” in 1999. She has also participated in the preparation and presentation of many exhibits in Museums and at special events during the

past ten years. Nan volunteered her secretarial expertise for over five years at the Salem County Heart Association. She continued her membership in the Eastern Star and was once an Amaranth Matron, a statewide group of lodge members involved in philanthropic causes. Many years ago Nan was a member and secretary of the Program Committee of the Tall Cedars Band. Nan was a founding officer of the Class of 1942 Reunion Committee, serving as secretary and funding officer. She was also a founder and secretary of the Re-Hi's 1940's Classes Reunion Committee. Married to James, Sr. for 64 years, Nan was the mother of two sons, James, Jr. of Pennsville and Timothy of Deptford. Nan lost her eyesight about seven years ago, and although her activities had necessarily changed, she was still involved in her community. She was most able to enjoy being the grandmother of four and great grandmother of six. A memorial services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, February 4th in the Union Presbyterian Church, 254 Shell Rd., Carneys Point where friends are invited to visit with the family from 10:30 to 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ashcraft Funeral Homes, Penns Grove and Pennsville. [www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com)