



## Doris Donaldson

December 13, 1917 - April 27, 2010

Doris Bailey Donaldson, 92 of Penns Grove, NJ died April 27, 2010 in the Neighborhood Hospice in West Chester, PA. While visiting her daughter, she was hospitalized suddenly with pneumonia which caused her death.

Born in Penns Grove, she was the daughter of the late Stella and Clarence Bailey, Sr. She resided in several states but was living in Penn Towers at the time of her death.

Doris attended local schools and then graduated as a registered nurse from the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Wilmington, DE. She initially worked as a maternity head nurse in Memorial Hospital but left in 1942 to enlist in the Army Nurse Corps as a 2nd Lt. After basic training in Alabama, she was assigned to Fort Totten, NY awaiting transfer to England prior to the Normandy invasion.

While at Fort Totten, she met Lt. Robert Donaldson and they became engaged; soon after they were shipped overseas separately. Doris joined the 298th Medical Unit which landed on Normandy Beach ten days after D-day. The unit initially set up a hospital in Cherbourg, France. It was Sept. 16, 1944 when her fiancé, Robert, arrived in Cherbourg by motorcycle to announce they had received official military permission to marry. Within hours, the 298th staff improvised a wedding. The next day, Robert left to join his unit. Doris and the 298th followed our troops through France and Belgium as a mobile hospital and provided medical support during the Battle of the Bulge.

Following the war, she and her husband first settled in Carnegie, PA where their daughter, Doris was born. They returned to Penns Grove where she was a school and public health nurse from 1950 to 1957. They moved to Delaware where she was a school nurse for the Newark School District from 1957 to 1964. During that time she was elected as the president of the Delaware State Nurses Association. Throughout her life she continued to work in various areas of nursing, including formation of the first medical clinic for Ranch Hope in Alloway, NJ.

Doris was involved in many activities including Easter Star, Penns Grove Chapter 86, VFW Post 8840, a 50 year member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Penns Grove and a charter member of Ranch Hope Auxiliaries.

Her proudest achievement was being a founding member of the Women in Military Service Association which designed a museum and educational center in Washington, DC.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Robert, in 1998.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Dorie Greenberg and her husband Bernie of West Chester, PA, her two grandchildren, Jennifer Colbert of Enfield, CT and David Bar-El of Jerusalem, Israel, two great grandchildren, Daniel and Ayelet, also of Israel. She was also the loving sister of Clarence Bailey, Jr. and his wife Nancy, Frank J. Bailey, Pierson W. Bailey and his wife Blanche, David Bailey and his wife Eileen and the late Sarah Tingle and "baby Jean". She was also a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 AM Saturday in the Ranch Hope Chapel, Sawmill Rd., Alloway, NJ (856-935-1555) where a viewing will be held from 9 to 10 AM.

Interment will follow in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, NJ.

Donations in Doris's memory may be sent to: Ranch Hope, PO Box 325, Alloway, NJ 08001 or the Women's in Military service Assoc., Dept. 550, Washington, DC, 20042-0560.

Arrangements are under the care of Ashcraft Funeral Homes, Penns Grove and Pennsville, NJ. [www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com)



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Death is Nothing At All*

*I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you, Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed At the little jokes that we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.*

*Let my name be ever the household work that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, Without the ghost of a shadow upon it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was.*

*There is absolute and unbroken continuity.*

*What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, Just around the corner.*

*All is well.*

*-----Henry Scott Holland*

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**Sherrie Lawson** - May 12, 2010 at 09:25 AM