



## Marie Lewis

February 11, 1922 - March 29, 2010

Marie E. Lewis, 88, of Carneys Point, died on Monday, March 29, 2010, following a long battle with stroke-related complications. Marie was born Marie Elizabeth Wilson on February 11, 1922 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Marie lived a long and interesting life, as best illustrated by a few events of which she was especially proud. She was a member of the first graduating class of the Penns Grove Regional High School in 1940. She then ventured to Texarkana, Texas, where she worked during World War II making bombs at the Red River Arsenal and where she roomed with three other girls who worked at the factory. While there, she met her future husband, and soon became a wife in the United States Air Force, which allowed her to live all over the world (including Brazil, Germany, and England) and the United States (including her favorite town, Albuquerque, New Mexico). Later in life, she enjoyed 20 years of employment at Salem County Memorial Hospital, including as a patient accounts representative. In her spare time, she loved being with family, bowling, and working in local political clubs and on boards of election. Marie was a beloved mother and grandmother. She was known as a sharp dresser, a feisty spirit, a gardener, an outstanding cook, and a big eater (especially of Snicker bars and butter pecan ice cream) despite her small size.

Marie was predeceased by her daughter, Judy Simmerman; her siblings, George Wilson, Doris Johnson, and Richard Wilson; and her parents, Graham and Marie Elizabeth Wilson. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Hershberger; her grandchildren, Lisa Hershberger, Paul Hershberger, Amy Simmerman, and Zachary Simmerman; her great-granddaughter, Kara Hershberger; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held between 7 and 8:30 PM on Thursday, April 1, 2010 and Friday from 9 to 10 AM at Ashcraft Funeral Home, 47 State St., Penns Grove, followed by funeral services at 10 AM. Interment will be held at Lawnside Cemetery in Woodstown. Marie's family would like to thank Southgate nursing home for providing over three years of excellent, heartfelt care, as well as Compassionate Care hospice. [www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com)