



Martha (Lentz) Holman

April 8, 2019

Martha Ann (Lentz) Holman, 82, of New Bloomfield, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Harrisburg, PA surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of the late Colonel Benjamin A. Lentz and Mabel Dickson Lentz.

She was married to her husband, Colonel Carson E.R. "Spike" Holman for 62 years.

Born in Fostoria, OH, Martha was an "Army Brat", which gave her the opportunity, throughout her formative years, to travel the world. She attended 19 different schools in 14 years. As a teenager, she spent 2 years in Japan after WWII. She graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, AL. She attended George Washington University as well as the University of Washington, where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. It wasn't until she married Spike and moved to New Bloomfield that she put down roots.

Martha and Spike lived in "The Maples" on the campus of Carson Long Military Academy for 37 years. It was here they raised their three children.

Martha was a member of the New Bloomfield Civic Club, and Christ Lutheran Church, where she formerly served as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, and Summer Bible School Director. She was also elected to the Lutheran Church Council, and served as the first woman President of the Church Council.

Martha was creative, loving, and nurturing - a real "class act"; she was a good listener and a good friend; she loved her family, good books, crossword puzzles, steamed crabs, sitting on her porch swing during a good rain storm, and of course, the theatre.

As a teenager, Martha was a student at the Teenage Drama School at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She continued her theatrical pursuits and performed on the stage in high school, and in college. While at the University of Washington, she was in a televised children's theatre production and later performed for the USO in Alaska. When the New Bloomfield

Lions Community Theatre (LCT) had its very first show in 1971, Martha was a part of it. Since then, she was involved in 51 shows spanning 47 years and she played many parts - from prompting, directing and working as part of the stage crew, to dancing with the chorus to having lead roles in 7 productions - Martha did it all. It is probably no coincidence that Martha passed away at 5:47 pm - the time LCT actors were arriving at the theatre for opening night of "Guys and Dolls".

In addition to her husband, Martha is survived by her three children: Richard Carson Holman of Dublin, CA, his wife Paula, and their children Taylor and Maris; Betsy Holman-Moyer of Newport, PA, her husband Scott, and their children Ben and Liam; and Ted Holman of Kutztown, PA, his wife Jeanne, and their children Maggie and Megan.

Viewing and visitation with the family will be held on Friday, April 12 between 6:00 and 8:00 PM at the Boyer Funeral Home in New Bloomfield. A second visitation will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM at the Christ Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield with the funeral service to follow beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Martha's honor may be made to the Christ Lutheran Church, The New Bloomfield Lions Community Theatre,

or

the New Bloomfield Swimming Pool, all in New Bloomfield, PA, 17068.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for
the Holman Family.