

Miss Pearl Mary Virginia Skeggs

Miss Pearl Mary Virginia Skeggs, 87, of Frederick, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 2, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Ray D. and Elva Rhoderick Skeggs. Pearl was a lifetime resident of Frederick and attended local schools, graduating from Frederick High School, class of 1939.

She was prominent in the insurance field and worked for The Frederick Underwriters Inc. and its predecessors. Pearl was a Christian who loved the Lord and was a life member of Grace United Church of Christ in Frederick. For many years she helped organize and schedule the prayer vigils. Up until her passing, she was a member of the Golden Ray Sunday School Class.

She enjoyed many years of service with her fellow sisters in Samaritan Lodge 51 of the Rebekah-Odd Fellow organization. At one time, she served as president of the Rebekah Assembly of Maryland. Pearl was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Frederick Chapter. She also was a member of AARP.

She was devoted to her family and enjoyed many activities with them.

Surviving are Albert H. Marcey, cousin, who was raised with her in Frederick, but currently resides in Gaithersburg with his wife, Mignon. Also their family in Gaithersburg, Cynthia Marcey Peter, husband, Stanley, and children, Jennifer and David, Valerie Marcey Denson, husband, Bryan, and their children, Henry, Hannah and Ian; and from North Carolina, Melanie Marcey Petersen, husband, Michael, and their sons, Ryan and Benjamin. Also surviving is a cousin, Edward M. and Janet Rhoderick of Frederick. Much appreciation to close friends, neighbors and all those who have cared for her over the years.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Keeney & Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. The Samaritan Rebekah Lodge will conduct memorial services at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, from the funeral home with her pastor, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Foster, officiating. Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850.