



Sara Black Munch

March 22, 1913 - November 5, 2007

Sara Pauline (Black) Munch, age 94, of Manassas, VA, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA died November 5, 2007. She was born in the Sheraden section of Pittsburgh on March 22, 1913, one of ten children born to the late Lawrence and Carrie (Hoffman) Black. Her family's musical talents were well known at the turn of the twentieth century and included piano, violin and bass, with lessons given in the family's parlor in the Castle Shannon neighborhood. Mrs. Munch grew up singing with her siblings, accompanied by her mother, Carrie, on the piano, and passed on her love of music to her three daughters.

Mrs. Munch's family followed her husband, Jack Munch, as his career progressed with Atlantic Refining Company throughout several cities in Western Pennsylvania over the years. Wherever the family was, Sara was involved in the local church either by using her vocal talent in the choir and in other areas, usually involving cooking, another of her real talents. She was a Kane Hospital volunteer for many years.

She was a consummate baker, famous for her cookies and pies, and never missed donating several items for a bake sale. Her health remained good over the years enabling her to continue many community activities. She was the association board secretary of her senior living residence at Marywood, in Manassas, was a helping hand in the kitchen and at rummage sales, created flower arrangements for the ill, and wrote out birthday cards for other residents. She was an active member of The Red Hat Society and enjoyed outings with her group, "going to visit the old folks." She loved attending church and Bible studies. She attended almost every event scheduled at her Marywood, and never turned down the opportunity to attend a party.

Her sense of humor, faith in God, and the ability to turn life's lemons into lemonade carried her through nearly a century of the world's ups and down's.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Abruzere (Ralph), also of Manassas, Mrs. Marilyn Sorvas (Gregg), of Pittsburgh, PA, and Mrs. Virginia Ferguson (Jim), of Greensboro, NC. Also surviving are seven of eight grandchildren, Robin Lynch (Tom), Kelly Easterly (Douglas), Tracy Price (David), Rachel Shepherd (Wayne), Laura Sacz (James), Sarah Sorvas, and Robert Kayser, and 9 great grandchildren. Mrs. Munch was preceded in death by her husband, John Charles Munch in 1976, and by another granddaughter, Carrie Shannon, in 1979.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 P.M. Thursday, November 8, 2007 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. A memorial service will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, November 9, at Manassas Assembly of God 11500 New Life Way, Bristow, Virginia with Pastor Tom Moore officiating. Burial will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be sent to Manassas Assembly of God, 11500 New Life Way, Bristow, Virginia 20136 in memory of Sara Munch.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.