

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

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These sisters will be honored at our 2021 State Convention.

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Marian Mearns Chapter C, Sparta



Marian Brown Mearns, 87, was born in Trenton and spent the first few years of her life traveling the United States. She spent many years of her life in Ocean Township, raised a family between Ocean Township and Madison and lived in Newton for the past 10 years. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Marian was active in several United Methodist churches and their missions. She taught Sunday School for many years and was also a Girl Scout and Brownie Leader. Marian had a passion and talent for singing; she was part of the Monmouth Civic Chorus for 25 years, with her husband, and traveled around Europe and sang with professional orchestras and conductors. She was a member of church choirs for her entire life. Marian volunteered at Jersey Shore Medical Center for more than 30 years and was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Asbury Park, Madison, and Sparta. She was also an excellent gourmet cook and she enjoyed gardening.

Marian was predeceased by her parents, Courtney P. and Elizabeth (nee Watson) Brown; her daughter, Elizabeth Mearns Klein; and her son, George Avery Mearns. She is survived by her husband, Al Mearns, whom she married in 1951; her daughters, Rev. Ellen Bechtold and husband, Steven, and Susan Stobie and husband, Gavin III; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Hansen; her son-in-law, Erich Klein; her grandchildren, Erich Max Klein and wife, Kamm, Peter Klein, Allison Dutrey and husband, Rob, Sarah Bechtold Guenter, Seth Bechtold and wife, Anna, Krissy Mihail and husband, Jon, Andrew Mearns, Megan Mancini and husband, Nate, Gavin Stobie IV, Bethany DeWalt and husband, Jacob, and Hannah Stobie. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Cole and Kennedy Klein, Ella, Nina and Luke Dutrey, Jason and Ethan Guenter, Amelia and Colin Bechtold, and Jonah Mihail; her sister, Louine King; and her brother, Courtney Brown, Jr. and wife, Joan.

Marian Mearns entered Chapter Eternal on May 22, 2019

Mabel Conner Chapter C, Sparta

Mabel I. Conner, 95, was born and raised in Townville, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Townville High School. She graduated from Meadville City Hospital School of Nursing and would soon become a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Mabel was stationed at Valley Forge Hospital and was assigned to the 382nd Station Hospital in Inchon, Korea, for "Army of Occupation." She met and later married Capt. Herbert Conner, who was a doctor in the U.S. Medical Corps. The couple lived many years in East Orange, Mountainside and Westfield. Mabel was devoted to family and service in the church and community for her entire life. She loved music and sang in many church choirs. Mabel was also a P.E.O. member in Chapter U and C for 20 years. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of more than 52 years, "Herb," in 1998; her parents, Stanley and Madge Smith; and her six siblings: Harold, Forrest, Gerald, Francis,



Gilbert and Helen. She is survived by her children: Linda Boor and husband Peter, Bruce Conner and wife Nancy, and Donald Conner; her grandchildren: Brian O'Conner, Meghan Ruppenstein and husband Marc, Jessica Conner, and Jennifer Haughney and husband Ryan; her great-grandchildren: Paige and Clayton Ruppenstein and Jace Haughney; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Mabel Conner entered Chapter Eternal on December 3, 2019.

**Margaret Sosa
Chapter E, Westfield**

Margaret Sosa was born on July 10, 1925. Margaret was a resident of San Francisco, New York at the time of passing. She attended Bucknell University as a fourth generation legacy, and aspired to be a medical doctor.

Margaret Sosa entered Chapter Eternal on August 19, 2018.

**Sara Rand
Chapter E, Westfield**



Sara Rand was born in Philadelphia, and resided in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for many years. She was married for 51 years to William L. Rand, who predeceased her in 2012. After receiving her M.A. from Princeton Theological Seminary, she worked as Director of Christian Education for churches in Upstate New York and New Jersey including Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Central Presbyterian Church, Summit. She was a member of Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

She had a lifelong passion for educating others about the past, drawing on her teaching experience and B.S. in Elementary Education from East Stroudsburg University. She gave tours of the Colonial Burial Grounds in Westfield, answered historical inquiries as a member of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, and gave programs on a variety of historical topics to interested organizations. She was also active and held leadership roles in New Jersey chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of Colonial Dames, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. She was an active supporter of historical societies in Canandaigua, New York, Westfield and Rahway.

Sara was initiated into Chapter E, Westfield in 1991 and transferred to Chapter AC in New York in 1993. She then transferred back to Chapter E in 1997. As a member of Chapter E, she served as treasurer, corresponding secretary, and technology chair. She is survived by her son, William L. Rand Jr. and a daughter, Sara Rand Urban. She was also loved by three grandchildren, Colin Urban, Camilla Rand and Juliet Rand.

Sara Rand entered Chapter Eternal on November 14, 2019.

GRACE “Ming” JOHNSON
Chapter M, Westwood



Ming” Johnson was born Grace C. Rymer in Jersey City on June 14, 1920. Thinking that she looked like a little Ming doll, her family nicknamed her “Ming” and that soubriquet stayed with her for life. Ming and her family moved to Westwood, New Jersey in her senior year of high school. She attended Columbia University’s Barnard College for a secretarial program after graduating from Westwood High School. She was a secretary in the newly-opened One Rockefeller Plaza in New York City for several years and continued in various executive secretarial roles throughout her life. She was also actively involved in volunteer capacities, including her church, camp in New York State and P.E.O.

Ming and her husband of 59 years, Raymond, were active members of the Westwood United Methodist Church serving in various capacities. Together, they helped to form the core of the church’s “Couples Club.” For all of their adult lives, Ming and Ray were well-loved members of Camp K-20 in Harriman, New York where Ray’s family had summered since his childhood. There, they were part of a group of friends known as the “Never Sweats.” They raised their two children, Bruce and Audrey, between Westwood and camp, and their grandchildren now make camp their summer home as well.

Ming was initiated into Chapter M on January 21, 1988. Even when she moved to Wayne, Pennsylvania, to be closer to her daughter, she remained an active member of Chapter M and would occasionally visit her Chapter Sisters when she visited New Jersey.

Her husband, Raymond, who passed away on Veteran’s Day of 2007, predeceased her. She is survived by her son, Bruce and his wife, “Nick” Johnson of Schenectady, New York, and her daughter, Audrey and her husband, Blair, Morrison of Wayne, Pennsylvania, her grandchildren Jessica (“Joe”) Kennedy, Heather Johnson and Kyle, Kelly, Sarah and Katie Morrison, along with great-grandchildren Luke, Kate and Jack Kennedy.

Ming was 99-1/2 years old. She was so loved by her family, friends and especially her Chapter M Sisters because of her sweet, loving demeanor. We were truly blessed to have her in our lives for so long.

Grace “Ming” entered Chapter Eternal on January 12, 2020.

JUNE LEE
Chapter R, Teaneck

June Lee joined Chapter R in October of 2010. June became a P.E.O. in Laramie, Wyoming on April 17, 1980. She was an active member of Chapter AI until her husband passed away in 2009. At that time, she moved to New Jersey to be closer to her sons and transferred to Chapter R in Teaneck. While in Chapter R, June could be counted on to bring delicious refreshments to our meetings. The last few years were not easy for June, but she remained happy to be among friends and family. June passed away in 2019 but will always be remembered for her warm smile and her loving concern for each sister.



June Lee entered Chapter Eternal on November 11, 2019.

Bertha Myhren-
Chapter T, River Edge



Bertha Myhren passed away at the age of 90, due to Alzheimer's disease. Her parents had come from Scotland, and she was very proud of her Scottish heritage. Bertha was a graduate of the Newark School of Fine Arts. She worked as a commercial artist in Manhattan before having children. She was married to Ernest Myhren for 68 years. They lived in Oradell, New Jersey, and had three children and six grandchildren. Bertha was a gifted artist, excellent seamstress, outstanding cook and baker. She was an art teacher for the Oradell Public School's after-school program, a second-grade Sunday school teacher at the First Congregational Church of River Edge for 20 years, and a proud member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.



Bertha Myhren entered Chapter Eternal on March 5, 2019.

Marilyn Dee Shelley
Chapter AB, Madison



Marilyn Dee Pieper Shelley was born in Bicknell, Indiana, on September 5, 1937. The second of two daughters, Dee and her sister embraced their mother's joy of being a P.E.O. Dee was initiated into Chapter P, Tenaflly, her mother's chapter, in 1960. She was honored as a Golden Girl at the 2010 and 2015 New Jersey State Conventions.

A graduate of Bucknell University with a degree in Spanish and a member of Pi Beta Phi, she then earned a Masters Degree in Spanish from Middlebury College following her years of study at the University of Madrid. She taught Spanish in New Jersey

high schools, but her last and favorite teaching position was as Adjunct Professor of Spanish at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Teaching Spanish was far from Dee's only talent. An accomplished pianist, she was often invited to play in church and for various choirs, including AB's chorus. She has also played at New Jersey State Convention. She said her initial job was playing for a dance class when very young and that she had kept the first \$1.00 she earned from that all her life.

An avid student of yoga, which was evident in the calm manner with which she approached life, Dee was always fun to be with, kind, caring and welcoming to others, and "up" for a game of tennis, bike ride, or run any time. She was a beautiful, vivacious woman, inside and out.

She was the gold standard of an actively involved P.E.O. sister. Through the years, she served in 5 chapter offices, including President and Vice President. She chaired project committees and thought that being a member of different ones was the best way to learn about each project. In 2000-2001 she served as chairman of the New Jersey Scholar Awards committee. If you were a recipient of a project scholarship or grant, you could count on being invited to Dee's home, an AB meeting or social event, or possibly giving a program. You would feel welcomed. She was also a New Jersey delegate to International Convention in Winnipeg-Manitoba.

Dee lived a life of faith and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, serving terms as Elder and Deacon, participating in Bible Study, teaching Vacation Bible School, volunteering at the Community Soup Kitchen, Family Promise and Chatham Hills Care Center where she played piano for monthly church services.

Her greatest joy in life was her family. She was married to Dr. Penn Shelley MD, who survives her, for over 50 years and they had 3 sons, Mark, Scott and Douglas, 8 grandchildren and 1 step-granddaughter. Dee loved to travel, especially vacationing together as a family at the beach. When asked her favorite sound, she replied "ocean waves breaking". In later years she and Penn spent time in Hawaii and Europe.

P.E.O. and being with her sisters was very important to Dee. In the many years she battled cancer, she would attend as many meetings as possible, would continue to volunteer on committees, care, laugh, play the piano and make you very thankful to be her friend.

Dee Shelley entered Chapter Eternal on May 4, 2019.

Gladys Elliot
Chapter AB, Madison

Gladys Strite Elliott was born September 4, 1920, in Carniro, Kansas, the 4th of 5 children. Her father was a Methodist minister and soon the family moved to the Finger Lakes region of New York. At that time the family had to move every 3 years to a new church. After their last move to Varna, New York when Gladys was a high school senior, she was accepted at Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in Home Economics.



It was there she met her future husband, Ralph Elliott. They were married July 9, 1943. At the time Gladys was teaching Home Economics at Cardon, Ohio High School and her husband was serving in the Army. After his discharge from the Army they settled in State College, Pennsylvania for several years. Next they moved to Ithaca, New York while Ralph attended Cornell University where he earned his Masters and PhD in Animal Husbandry. Their two daughters, Janet and Carol, were born in Ithaca and following his graduation and another move, their son, David, was born in Lexington, Kentucky.

After 3 more moves they settled in Chatham in 1971 and Gladys lived in Chatham the rest of her life. Her sisters in AB are very thankful she finally landed long enough for P.E.O. to discover her! She was initiated into Chapter AB on October 24, 1984. She prized her P.E.O. membership and for the rest of her life she devoted both time and talents to the sisterhood and its projects. She served on a New Jersey Reciprocity Board and the state ELF Committee. In addition to being chapter AB Treasurer for many years, she was also Vice President and President. One of her happiest P.E.O. times was the day her daughter, Carol Morris, was initiated into AB. Carol is now a member of Chapter AV, Annandale and has shared her beautiful singing voice on many occasions, including New Jersey state conventions.

Gladys found value in all the projects, but the one that she savored most was Cottey. Serving as chapter Cottey chairman, she made the college come alive at each chapter meeting, always giving a glimpse into its history. In 2010, thanks to a surprise from Chapter AB, along with her son, who video-taped the trip and Susan Johnson AB, Gladys travelled to Nevada, and spent a weekend there which included meeting with then Cottey President, Judy Rogers, many guided tours of the campus and attending the world premiere of an opera which was preceded by a reception at the President's home where she met 2 former Presidents of International Chapter, Wilma Turner and Nancy Jerdee. She loved every minute.

Gladys was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township where she was active with the Women's Association, served as an Elder, was a member of the adult bell choir and always sat in the 3rd row on Sunday mornings. In addition to her faith, her family and home were the center of her life. She took great pleasure in sewing and quilting. An excellent cook with a welcoming nature, if you just stopped by, you were welcomed in. There was always room for more at the Elliott table.

She is survived by daughter, Carol Morris and her husband, George, son David and his wife, Anna, 4 grandsons, and 7 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years and Janet, their much-loved daughter.

Gladys found the good in life, accepted what came her way and made the most of each day. Her family, her AB sisters and other friends heartily celebrated her 99th birthday in September. She was gentle and unassuming, but you always learned something special just being with her. She was abundantly loved. Gladys entered Chapter Eternal on December 22, 2019.

Phyllis Swain **Chapter AB, Madison**



Phyllis Swain was born of Sicilian parents, who met in the US. She was a long-time resident of New Jersey. Phyllis, a registered nurse, started out her professional career working for the Visiting Nurse Service. For the bulk of her career she worked for what was originally Bell Telephone in the Disability Compensation Department.

Phyllis was predeceased by her loving husband of over 50 years, Burr Swain, and two brothers, Paul and Anthony. In his last years Burr suffered from Alzheimer's disease and Phyllis became the role model for all care givers. In the early years of the disease she did everything possible to allow him to function in their home of love. After he had to be moved to senior care facilities, she was constantly at his side every waking hour – supporting him and advocating for him.

Phyllis and Burr loved to travel particularly to the New England states but home in Livingston, New Jersey was place she loved best. Phyllis enjoyed music, cooking and the collection of pewter and other early American objects

Phyllis held dear to her heart her membership in Chapter AB of P.E.O.. Phyllis' first contact with P.E.O. was through her meeting at lunch and becoming good friends with Ann Moore, our former state president.

Phyllis is survived by her nephew, John Verzi and his spouse, Brian Lathrop.
Phyllis Swain entered Chapter Eternal on June 29, 2019

Gay McIndoe **Chapter AD, Ridgewood**

The Sisters of Chapter AD were saddened by Gay's death on December 8, 2019. Their May meeting was always scheduled around Gay's birthday at the Christian HealthCare Center, Wyckoff, where she was a resident for 9 years. Her daughters, Mamie and Carrie, living in NYC helped to make the arrangements for the meeting and were able to attend.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, on May 24, 1933, she was the eldest daughter of Martha and Ben Anderson. Sisters were Lynette, Martha and MaryBeth. Her father worked for Heinz so the family moved a lot when she was younger. She attended Allegheny College in 1951 where she met her husband, Bud, on her first day there. She was pinned and married in 1953 after Bud graduated.



Bud and Gay started their life together in Cleveland Ohio, Bud worked at U.S. Steel. They moved to Pittsburgh where she was an avid antique collector and creative homemaker who took pride in decorating their various homes as they moved throughout the years from Ohio to Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, and finally, New Jersey. Her four children include Benjamin, 1955; Mamie Lou, 1956; Carrie Janet, 1960; Born in Youngstown, Ohio, born on May 24, 1933 Montgomery in 1965. Bud passed in 1993.

Wherever she lived, Gay, cultivated friends and community throughout her various activities, most notably as a beloved Sunday school teacher at Ridgewood United Methodist Church and her dedication to P.E.O. Sisterhood. Gay appreciated P.E.O.'s commitment to advancing educational opportunities for women worldwide.

Gay was invited in 1968 to be initiated in P.E.O., Chapter AS/PA in Pittsburgh. She then in 1978 and 1988 and President in 1979 and 2000. Gay always had a fondness for fundraising auctions for Philanthropic endeavors, she shared this talent for many years thru Chapter AD's Holiday Make and Bake auction. Only Gay could get someone to bid \$40 for a jar of Ann Oros's homemade pickles!

Among Gay's proudest moments were when her daughters, Mamie Lou initiated 2/8/1975, Carrie initiated 6/2/1983 and her granddaughter, Blaine. Blaine was initiated 5/3/2018 at CHCC where her grandmother was a resident. A special moment for Chapter AD sisters

Gay McIndoe entered Chapter Eternal on December 8, 2019.

Mary Lou Ohm
Chapter AF, Moorestown

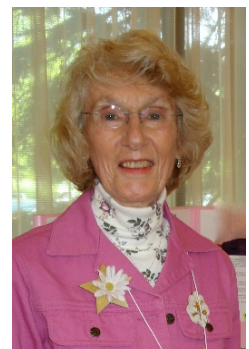


She was born in Detroit, Michigan; attended De Pauw University and became a Home Demonstration Agent. She married Robert Ohm in 1953 and they had two sons, James and Douglas.

In 1951 she was initiated into P.E.O. Chapter X, Hempstead, New York, later transferring to Chapter AD/New Jersey and Chapter AF/New Jersey. She held all local offices except Corresponding Secretary. Mary Lou always made an effort to get to know each of her Chapter sisters, showing them loving concern. In 2017 Chapter AF held a special lunch in her honor at Medford Leas where she lived, recognizing her 65 years as a P.E.O. and presenting her certificate from New Jersey State Convention. It was well deserved. She is greatly missed by all her sisters. After 68 years in P.E.O., Mary Lou Ohm entered Chapter Eternal on April 30, 2019.

Nancy Badt Drake
Chapter AH, Colts Neck

Nancy Badt Drake (age 88) was born in Elko, Nevada, she resided there, in Carson City, Nevada, and Palo Alto, California, before moving to Fair Haven, New Jersey in 1954 following her marriage to Robert E. Drake of Monmouth Hills, New Jersey. She graduated from Carson City High School and was a 1952 graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio with a degree in psychology. Before retiring in 1985, Nancy was on the staff of Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts as a Field Advisor and First Aid Instructor for 14 years. Prior to that, she was an executive secretary for the Tuller Foundation, and the Cottrell Oil Company in Red Bank, New Jersey; and for Stanford University Research Coordination Dept. in Palo Alto, California. She was a volunteer at Riverview Medical Center for more than 28 years, where she was named Volunteer of the Year in 1996; she served a total of over 13,750 hours, mostly in the Emergency Dept, and was honored with Riverview's "Galaxy Award".



Nancy's creativity was highlighted by her many community activities. She was a cellist with the Monmouth Symphony, and formerly with the New Jersey State Orchestra. She was a member of Writers Ink and of the New Jersey Poetry Society. Many of her poems were published and won prizes, including 2nd place in the Annual Senior Poet Laureate Contest in 2002. Her own book of poetry, "Perilous Poetry", was published in 2002. Other interests included photography, letter writing, and music. She loved not only classical music, but also country western, and the music of the Grateful Dead.

Nancy was a 69-year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was initiated into Chapter H, Carson City, Nevada before moving to New Jersey and Chapter AH, Colts Neck where she served as president from 1986-1988. Nancy's AH sisters remembered fondly her energy and creative spirit, so evident in her cover designs of the yearbook as well as in the original poems she would create for each sister who was moving away. One can't help but smile at the images and stories of her 'Dead Head' days. She will be sorely missed by her children and grandchildren who were so dear to her and by her P.E.O. family. Nancy Drake entered Chapter Eternal on November 7, 2019.

Joan M. Smith Chapter AK, East Brunswick



Joan Smith, known as "Joanie", was born and raised in Neptune New Jersey. She met her husband, Jerry, while employed near the Engineering facility at Fort Monmouth where he was stationed. They married and moved to Syracuse New York, later moving to East Brunswick New Jersey.

Joanie was employed at the Johnson & Johnson Headquarters in New Brunswick; worked at Consumer Products Company in Supervisory Distribution Sales. Twice Joanie received the prestigious Ring Club Award.

Joan Smith became a member of P.E.O. in 1989. She spent all those years with her sisters in Chapter AK, East Brunswick. She served her Chapter, holding offices as Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President, and Chapter President 1997-1998. She enthusiastically served on many committees, always giving 110% to all her commitments. She was a helpful and good friend to her P.E.O. sisters, in the local Chapter and State Chapter.

Her favorite project was: PCE – Program for Continuing Education, Chairman 8 times. Also took on a Chapter AK philanthropy project of seeking out Middlesex County families with children who were in need of holiday gifts and food. Joanie organized and personally delivered to the families with her unique style of holiday spirit and genuine caring.

Joanie was a member of East Brunswick Woman's Club since 1971. She served on various committees and community projects for many years. She enjoyed playing bridge and tennis and was an avid reader.

Joanie and Jerry travelled frequently; spending many happy vacations on cruises and at their timeshare in the Bahamas; often including their nieces and nephews. Not having children of her own, she was a very proud and exceptional "Aunt Joanie" to four nieces and nephews and six grand nieces and nephews in their growing years and of whom she was very fond.

Joanie made many friends in her lifetime and always considered each one 'special'. Joanie and Jerry, her husband of 61 years, loved their home. Joanie enjoyed the slower pace of this past year watching

the birds and small animals in the trees in her backyard and the company of her friends. She will be missed by all. Joan Smith entered Chapter Eternal on February 16, 2020.

Else Olsen
Chapter AL, Toms River



Else Ann Olsen was a proud mother of three daughters and grandmother to eight

She was Employed by Toms River School Regional Schools as a beloved 3rd grade teacher at Dover Elementary School before retiring in 1994 after 25 years . She continued to touch lives in retirement as a Basic Skills teacher at East Dover Elementary School. She was a Community Medical Center volunteer, driver for Caregivers. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Toms River where she served as Deacon, Elder, board member for Westminster Nursery School and member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Else was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter AL of Toms River, New Jersey. Initiated on January 10, 2003, she served as Chaplain 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and Vice-President 2005-2006. Her P.E.O. Sisters still miss her beautiful smile and quick wit. Else Olsen entered Chapter Eternal on July 8, 2019.

Sally Z. Todd, New Jersey Past State President
Chapter AL, Toms River



Sally Todd joined her mother's Chapter IB, Davenport, Iowa, on September 8, 1949.

She met her husband, Bob, at Iowa State University where he was a PhD. candidate in Chemistry. They married in September 1952, and after a 2 year stay in Alabama with the Army, relocated to Indiana where Sally transferred to Chapter BH, Hammond. In 1963, Bob became the Chemical Expert for Citibank and the family moved to Montclair, New Jersey where Sally became part of Chapter Q, Montclair. After Bob retired, they moved to Manchester and Chapter AL, Toms River, happily welcomed her as a sister. Sally and Bob (also deceased) have four sons: Scott, Craig, Bruce, and Glenn and eight grandchildren. Two of Sally's daughters-in-law are P.E.O.s, as is her sister.

Sally had been a very active P.E.O. throughout her life. In Chapter BH, Indiana she served as Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Chapter Q, New Jersey was fortunate to have Sally as Guard, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and for two 2-year terms as President. After transferring to Chapter AL, Sally served as Treasurer and Guard.

Sally joined the New Jersey State Board in 1979. She was President in 1983-84 and chose "P.E.O. – Growing in Purity, Glowing with Light" as her theme. During the 1984 convention, New Jersey's 42nd, the National Anthem and O Canada were sung for the first time to open convention. Also notable was the initiation of a deaf sister by Chapter AB. One of her sisters signed the entire initiation ceremony and all of Chapter AB signed the final phrase, "You are now a sister".

Sally and Bob had always been very supportive of Cottey College. The Sally Todd Academic Scholarship was begun in 1994. Utilizing the Matching Funds Program with Citibank, they donated the equipment for the Organic Chemistry Lab at Cottey. In 2004, they were honored by the Cottey College Foundation with the "Friend of the College Award".

Over the years Sally had been very involved with her sons' schools, her church and the New Jersey Symphony. She hosted Chapter AL's B&B for several years and one time had a couple that enjoyed her hospitality so much they stayed a week!

Chapter AL and the PSPs were very proud to have Sally as a sister. Her dry matter of fact sense of humor and her favorite convention attire, sneakers, were a delight. Sally saw many changes in our Sisterhood in 70 years and brought the balance of history and the understanding of the need for change to our meetings. Her life models the ideals of our sisterhood and therefore is a constant inspiration to new and seasoned members. We honor her more than 70 years of service.

Sally Todd entered Chapter Eternal on August 22, 2019.

Carolyn Wallace Chapter AT, Basking Ridge



Carolyn 'Lynn'; Wallace was born September 26, 1925, the first child of Stanley and Doris Crowell-the first of 3 sisters, in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. She grew up during the Depression and WW II, witnessing the challenges associated with that time and the way that her parents remained active in their community. She understood how to economize and how to help people who were less fortunate than their family. She graduated from Glen Ridge High School in 1944 and received her Associates Degree from Lasalle Junior College in 1946. She worked for several years in various receptionist roles, and later became a medical secretary. She met Robert Wallace in 1951 and married him in 1952. Their first child, David, was born in 1953 with four more to follow. During the years when the five children were growing, Lynn (as she was known by almost everyone) worked part-time jobs to be able to be home when the children came home from school.

Lynn was initiated into Chapter C, New Jersey, her mother's chapter in 1947. During her more than 70 years in P.E.O., she demitted to a chapter in Clarence, New York and then back to a New Jersey chapter after moving back to New Jersey in 1961. By the time Chapter AP was organized, Lynn was working full time, but maintained her active membership. Lynn was very active in the organization of Chapter AT, her last chapter, in 1986. She served as its first president and other offices through the years. P.E.O. was always central in her life, along with family activities and involvement at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir and served on multiple committees. After her health prevented her from being very active, the sisters of AT gave her a wonderful gift by frequently holding meetings either in her home or at the care facilities where she lived. A number of times the meetings were held in the hair salon.

Lynn passed away a month short of her 94th birthday. She is remembered for her beautiful singing voice, her awesome cooking skills, and her ability to be everyone's mom. She always knew that she had enough love to spread to anyone. P.E.O. was very important in Lynn's life and her legacy will continue. Carolyn 'Lynn' Wallace entered Chapter Eternal on August 28, 2019.

Diane Tishler
Chapter AY, Hoboken



Diane Tishler was loved by all her family and friends. For 34 years, she was the beloved wife of Tony Tishler and the loving mother of Katie Tishler and her husband Dan Miller and Dylan Tishler and his wife, a P.E.O. sister, Torey Tishler. She is the cherished daughter of Donald Treich and the late Dolores Treich, dear sister of Martin Treich and his wife, and David Treich and his wife Mary and the late Steven Treich.

She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Diane was employed as a counselor in the Office of Disabilities at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and lived in Jersey City with her husband. She guided her family through life with compassion, wisdom, and generosity, because those things were what encapsulated who she was. Her laugh and vivaciousness for life was contagious. She was always ready to try a new trail, a new museum or restaurant. She was a vibrant soul who lit up the room when she entered. You could find Diane looking up to the treetops watching for birds and hiking around her lake house in Pennsylvania.

Diane loved spending time in nature and was on the Board of Directors of the Twin and Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy in Shohola, Pennsylvania. She was an avid reader and loved to play the piano. She played many of nights for her family as everyone would join in with their voices, guitar and harmonica. The lasting memories of Diane are simple: a passionate figure of strength who never waned in her support or love of her family, a cherished soul that will live on in our hearts.

Diane Tishler entered Chapter Eternal on April 26, 2019.