



## Effie A. Potter

March 28, 1923 - July 28, 2018

Effie Anna Packer Potter, 95, of Binghamton, N.Y., passed away July 28, 2018, at the United Methodist Home, where she had lived for the last five years.

She was born on March 28, 1923, to Grover C. and Ada Olive Mead Tyler Packer, and graduated from New Milford (Pa.) Consolidated High School in 1940. She also attended North High and Ridley's Business School in Binghamton before working as a secretary at the Sherwin-Williams Company. She married Lloyd C. Potter on May 16, 1944; he predeceased her on October 15, 2008.

Effie was president of the Kingsley (Pa.) Civic Club for two non-consecutive terms and held various positions in the United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, Pa. She was well known for the rhubarb meringue pies she brought to the church's Memorial Day dinner for many years.

Effie sold real estate and was an interior decorating consultant for a few years but was primarily a homemaker and farmer's wife who helped manage and operate Echo Hollow Farm in Brooklyn Township, Pa., where she and her husband raised registered Holstein cattle. She had many interests and accomplishments but was most proud of her five children.

In recent years, Effie took an interest in family genealogy and learned that some of her ancestors served in the Revolutionary War. She became a member of the Susquehanna County Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Her great-great-grandfather, Edward Packer Sr., who came to Brooklyn Township from Connecticut in 1812, was a first cousin of Lehigh University founder Asa Packer.

She is survived by a sister, Mabel (Paul) Walls of Binghamton, N.Y., and five children: Eileen (James) Kopelman of New Kensington, Pa.; Lawrence (Judy) Potter of Ringgold, Ga.; Virginia (Elliot) Popper of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Kathryn Maloney of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Roselyn (Arvin) Hibbard of Dimock, Pa. She is also survived by grandchildren: Bradley (Misty) Potter, Jessica Hibbard, Benjamin (Kristen) Hibbard, Shannon Maloney, Megan (Chris) Maloney Fontaine, Colleen (Kevin) Maloney Roberts, Jennifer Popper Meyers, Stephen (Georgia) Popper, David (Carla) Ramsey, Terran Ramsey Halapin; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Another sister, Evelyn (Roy) Gregory, predeceased her.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 18, at 4 p.m. at the Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, 25 Susquehanna Ave., Hallstead, Pa. Friends are invited to meet with the family beginning at 3 p.m.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.

25 Susquehanna Ave. P.O. Box 936, Hallstead, PA, US, 18822

**AUG** **Service** 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A lot of my happiest 4th to 8th grade memories of living in Brooklyn, PA include Effie Potter. She opened her home to me while my mom was having cancer treatments and surgeries...and it was so much fun just spending time on the farm with Rosi and Katie, that it didn't seem like a difficult time at all!

Mrs. Potter was always outspoken, always had a heart of gold, always put her family and their friends (and exchange students who stayed there) first. And what a sense of humor! I remember one food fight in particular that involved, if I remember correctly, Hershey's syrup? And she was laughing at the perpetrators!

She made sure we got to church, and was actively involved herself there.

She was a "stage mom", encouraging all of us to practice singing and playing guitars in her living room, and ferrying us around to the places we sang...And one of my most special memories was when she took me to the Bobbie Brooks store to buy me (out of her pocket) navy blue socks, so we all matched.

Extracurricular activities notwithstanding, she remained at the helm of the family farmhouse, working hard with her husband to keep the Echo Hollow dairy farm running smoothly.

Praying for you, Potter families, who remain behind, that God will comfort you as you grieve her passing from our reach on earth to life in heaven. For us, the wait to be reunited seems so long; but for her, there is no time! It will seem as though the re-gathering of the family is instantaneous! Jesus made it possible...God bless you!

**Valerie Aldrich** - August 17, 2018 at 10:13 AM