

NAOMI CLARE AUSTIN NELSON



Age 97, of Mt. Lebanon, died at home on December 4, 2024. She was born on March 12, 1927, to Alvin Harper Austin and Louvina Irene Burkett of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Naomi graduated from Ambridge High School and entered training as a Cadet Nurse at Presby in 1944. She became an RN in February of 1948, and always treasured the friendships of her nursing classmates. Naomi worked at

the D T Watson Home for Children, and later for Sewickley Valley Hospital. While at the Watson Home, she had the great honor of being one of the nurses to assist Dr. Jonas Salk during his clinical trials of the polio vaccine. Naomi attended Nyack College in New York and completed a three-year certificate. She met and married her true love, Jack Lennart Nelson, in July of 1962. She became the sister-in-law of one of her best friends, Ailsia Hulet Nelson. Jack and Naomi thoroughly enjoyed almost 30 years of marriage; and were blessed with four children, Joel (Chris), Lynnea, Jimmy (Ingrid) and Laurie (Chris). Her faith and walk with Christ was of paramount importance to Naomi. She was a member of the same Friday night Bible Study for more than 50 years. She enjoyed being a part of the note writing ministry at her church. She loved to send letters and birthday cards, and sent them until the month of her death. Adjectives used to describe her were "loving," "wonderful soul," "loved by all." Naomi is survived by her children; 11 grandchildren: Kali, Meghan, Emily, Jack, Victoria, Daniel, and Anna Nelson; Abigail and Sophia Cerci; and Reed and Lucas Christner, to whom she was like a second mother; as well as her baby sister, Diane Powell; and countless nieces and nephews. Her parents, sisters, Ruth Corll and Mary Smith, and Naomi's first granddaughter, Hannah Renee Nelson, preceded her in death, as did many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, including her dear sister-in-law, Marion Johnson, who passed away earlier this year. Visitation will be on Monday, December 9, 2024, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **FRANK F. DEBOR FUNERAL HOME**, 1065 Brookline Blvd., 412-561-0380. Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 10:30 in the morning at Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon, with a graveside service at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery following. Memorial tributes may be made to MAP International or Smile Train. www.deborfuneralhome.com.

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