



### **Norma Harberger**

G. Norma Harberger died June 7, 2010 at the Fraser Health Center after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. Norma, the daughter of Carnegie Young and Isabel Leck Young, was born August 11, 1928 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Her growing-up years were spent in Lancaster and in nearby York, Pennsylvania. She graduated from York High School in 1946, and went on to earn a BA degree from Ursinus

College in 1950 with a major in history and education. She served as an elementary school teacher in the Haverford, PA school district for a year prior to her marriage, in 1951, to Norman Harberger, an Ursinus classmate. Norma and Norm lived in Huntsville, Alabama from 1951 to 1960, during which time their three children were born. The family relocated to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area in 1960, where they remained until moving to Hilton Head Island in 1988.

Norma is survived by her husband and the family that sprang from their marriage. That family consists of daughter, Margaret Hadley of Madison Wisconsin, son-in-law John, grandson Timothy, Timothy's wife Heather and their daughter Madeline; grandson David; granddaughter Lydia Scherg and her husband Matthew, daughter Barbara Harberger of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and son Steven Harberger of Clemmons, North Carolina, daughter-in-law Deborah, granddaughters Amanda and Erica, and grandsons Alex and Matthew. Apart from the needs of her family, Norma's special interests included gardening, needlework, tennis and a wide range of volunteer activities. She served as an alumni representative on the board of directors of Ursinus College for several years during the 1960s and 1970s. Many volunteer activities reflected Norma's abiding interest in history. She served for several years as volunteer staff in the social studies department at Abington High School, where their children were enrolled. Norma assembled and researched the archives of Old St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) in Philadelphia in preparation for the restoration of that 1760 structure. She subsequently organized the archives of Episcopal

Community Services of the Diocese of Pennsylvania (established 1870) and authored the history of that organization for inclusion in a major reference volume concerning the history of voluntarism in the Philadelphia region. Since relocating to Hilton Head Island in 1988, Norma served on the Board of Hilton Head's Coastal Discovery Museum for several years during the 1990s; and subsequently served on the board of the Heritage Library Foundation, including a term as president of that organization.

Norma was a devoted wife and mother and a blessing to those whose lives she touched. She will be sorely missed by her family and her wonderful group of supportive friends.

Interment services will be private. A celebration of Norma's life will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to, The Heritage Library Foundation, 852 Wm Hilton Parkway, Suite 2A, Hilton Head, SC 29926, The Children's Center, Inc., 145 Mathews Road, Hilton Head, SC 29926, or Episcopal Community Services, 225 South Third St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

### **Loving tribute**

