



Anita June Lahti

May 23, 2007

Anita June Petaja Lahti, 85, died at home in Chester, MD, on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

Anita was born in Laurium, MI, on September 4, 1921, the daughter of Anna and Gust Petaja. She attended the Public Schools of Calumet and graduated from Calumet High School in 1939. She worked for a short time in Detroit at J.L. Hudson's and General Motors, returning to the Copper Country where she owned and operated the Petaja Sewing Center in Laurium, MI, a business she took over from her father. She was a sales representative for Investors Diversified Services and also worked at Michigan Technological University.

Anita moved to Lake Worth, FL in 1969 where she married Salem A. Lahti, also a native of Laurium, MI. In 1993 she moved to Maryland where she resided until her death.

Anita is survived by two daughters, Rosalee Ann Bennett of Chester, MD; Susan June (Robert) King of Eagle Harbor, MI; five grandchildren, Melanie Bennett; Sally (David) Baxley; John D. (Diana) Bennett; Todd (Lisa) King; and Lyon Bradley (Karyn) King; three great-grandchildren, Ella and Ruby Baxley and Cash Bennett; one sister, Margaret Eleanore Prall of Medaryville, IN; and one brother, Burton Petaja of Traverse City, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and ten sisters and brothers.

Anita was a very talented pianist and organist, and enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting. Her creations were works of art. Nana's grandchildren and great grandchildren were very dear to her. Her love of nature was demonstrated by her tender loving care for the birds and flowers. In her younger years, she was an avid swimmer and figure skater. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 11 am at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 423 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville, MD 21666 or to a church of your choice.

Tribute Wall



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