



## Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel

October 15, 1919 - November 10, 2009

Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel of a resident of Heron Point since 1991, departed this life on November 10, 2009 at Heron Point. She was 90.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 15, 1919, the daughter of Robert Harry and Blanche (Slye) Black. At three years of age her mother died and her father relocated to Pittsburg, PA where they took up residence with other family members. After a subsequent move to Cannonsburg, PA she completed her high school education in 1938. Miss Black then entered Grove City College, PA where she graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology together with a teaching certificate. While at the college she met Julius E. Scheidel whom she later married in 1943.

On June 6, 1944 together with her husband, she was commissioned by the mission board of the Presbyterian denomination to work in its mission in the French Cameroun. With the appointment of her husband as director of the mission's Pastoral Training School, Mary's teaching skills were employed to their fullest as she taught both the male student and their wives English as a second language. This was done in order to open to them the riches of Bible commentaries, dictionaries, and works in theology available in English. Perhaps her greater accomplishment was the creation of a graded three year Sunday School in the Bulu language. The curriculum was complete with Scripture lessons, hymn selections, stories and appropriate handwork which

the wives of the pastor-to-be could initiate in the churches and villages to which they would soon be assigned to work. During their early years in Cameroun the Scheidels were blessed by the birth of a daughter, Susan V. (Scheidel) Woodcock, in 1946.

After a short adjustment to life in America, Mary became a most valuable helper to her husband in getting the new Presbyterian church in Beltsville, MD operational, contributing significantly in the Sunday School's program with children. In 1964 she became employed as "aide-Librarian" at the Tacoma Park campus of Montgomery Junior College where she labored happily for 18 years. Upon retirement in 1982, Mary joined the community Meals-on-Wheels operation. After moving to Chestertown, Md in 1991, she became a "reader" to those stricken with macular degeneration, until she herself became a victim of the same disease. Reading, walking, knitting and playing board games were her favorite hobbies, but she endured sailing with her husband.

In addition to her husband, Julius E. Scheidel, she is survived by her daughter, Susan S. Woodcock of Waynesville, NC; grandchildren, Edith Lillian Brady of High Point, NC, Joy Lynn Laughlin of Tampa, FL and Sharon Esther Robinson of Charlotte, NC; and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday November 16, 2009 at 11AM at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, PA on Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 12 PM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Community Food Pantry, PO Box 262, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown  
905 Gateway Drive  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My wife (Barbara) and I remember both Mary and Julius when we became charter members of the Beltsville United Presbyterian Church. Mary was an outstanding leader with the youth of the church. May God Bless her as we remember Mary and her beloved husband Rev. Julius for their dedicated work in starting the church in Beltsville, Maryland. Richard & Barbara Gross (Chester, VA)*

**Richard Gross** - December 09, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *Rev. Scheidel and family, Know that Mary is now a peace and in god gentle arms, sings and happy. My deepest sympathy in this time of loss. It's been 18 years now at Heron Point and I will hold wonderful memories of Mary in my heart. Bless you all. Lydia Conroy###imported-begin###Lydia Conroy###imported-end##*

November 13, 2009 at 01:07 PM



“ Rest in peace Mrs. Sheidel, you aren't in pain anymore. To Mrs. Sheidel's loving husband and the rest of her family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time.##imported-begin##Courtney Bozarth##imported-end##

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November 10, 2009 at 11:00 PM