

Virginia Newcomer Lane, age 104, died February 18, 2011 at Granite Farms Estates, Media, PA. Edward Lane, her husband of 69 years, died in 2004. Virginia was born in 1906 in Mount Joy, PA, grew up there, and attended Mt. Joy High School. She graduated from Goucher College, Baltimore, MD and earned her master's degree in biology at Radcliffe College. For five years before marriage she taught at Hood College and Smith College. Edward and Virginia started their married life in Flushing, NY. At the death of her father they moved to Mt. Joy where they lived until 1954, when they moved to Wayne, PA.

Virginia was a model to her family of lifelong education: always interested in the natural world and people around the world. She grounded her family in their history, through extensive genealogy research and by family stories handed down through generations. An avid reader of poetry, fiction, science and history, she regularly shared passages with her family and studied with church and AAUW reading groups. Virginia volunteered for decades, through Girl Scouts, Needlework Guild of America, and, as a member of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, sewed with Needlecrafters and served as a church librarian.

Virginia is survived by four children: Elinor Lane ([Richard](#)) Warren of Wayne, PA, Constance Lane ([Peter](#)) Nissley of Bethesda, MD, Priscilla Lane ([Joji Kappes](#)) of Portland, OR and Thomas Lane of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, by seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Wayne Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 8. Internment will be at the Eberle Cemetery in Mount Joy, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wayne Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice.