

Jean “Jeanie” (Gerlach) Roberts, 66, (April 14, 1948 – May 20, 2014) of Lower Heidelberg Twp. passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Reading Hospital after an eight month battle with cancer. She was the loving wife of William F. Roberts. They were married for 41 years.

Born in Summit, NJ on April 14, 1948, she was the daughter of Margaret C. (Camp) Gerlach, of Topton and the late Earl L. Gerlach. Jean was a 1966 graduate of Brandywine Heights High School and a 1970 graduate of Hood College in Frederick, MD with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten and first grade in her early teaching days. In 1978, she began her career as a Learning Support Teacher for Gifted Students. Initially she worked for the Berks County Intermediate Unit in the Reading School District and then later for the Tulpehocken School District teaching students at both the elementary and high school levels at various times until her retirement in April 2013.

At one time she was the Director of Christian Education at St. John’s (Hain’s) U.C.C. Most recently she taught in the church Sunday School up until the time of her cancer diagnosis. She dedicated herself to making a difference in the lives of young people. She inspired her students with her enthusiasm and love. It was her bond with her kids that kept her teaching for 42 years.

Jean loved her family, friends, flowers and her gardens. A trip to a foreign land was always a joy to her. Jean was a giving person, always willing to do for others with her best effort. Her passing leaves a void in the lives of the people she touched. She was a member of St. John’s (Hain’s) U.C.C., Wernersville.

Survivors: In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth A. Roberts, Lancaster; a twin brother, Robert C. Gerlach husband of Diane Gerlach, Wallingford, PA, a sister, Barbara Gerlach-Mack, Washington, D.C. and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services: A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John’s (Hain’s) U.C.C., 591 N. Church Rd., Wernersville, PA. with Rev. Dr. Jon A. Fogle officiating. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 9:00 a.m. prior to the service. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, Inc., Wernersville is handling arrangements. Contributions: Flowers are welcome or memorial donations may be made to St. John’s (Hain’s) U.C.C. Memorial Endowment Fund, PO Box 148, 591 N. Church Rd., Wernersville, PA 19565. Online condolences may be made at www.lammandwitman.com

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