

Jeannette S. Aiken

July 2, 1929 - April 30, 2017

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Jeannette Sweitzer Aiken died peacefully on April 30, 2017, at the age of 87. Jeannette was born in Wilkes Barre, to Irene Morris Sweitzer and Burton H. Sweitzer. She graduated from William Penn Senior High School in 1947 and attended Bucknell University, as well as the Katherine

Gibbs School in NYC.

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Jeannette retired from the PA Bureau of Labor & Industry Unemployment Office, where she worked for 15 years. She was active with York Little Theatre for over 60 years, as a secretary under the leadership of Bert Smith, and as a director, producer, stage manager, volunteer coordinator, board member, and as a fixture at the YLT Steak Sandwich Stand at the York Fair. She also poured her energy into the Princess Players, the Junior League of York, many community boards, First Night York, the Beaux Arts Ball, the re-opening of the Strand-Capitol with Ella Fitzgerald, and the re-opening of the Valencia Ballroom. Jeannette had a passion for traveling, especially throughout the American West.

Jeannette is survived by her children, Trish Smoczynski, Boalsburg, Edward M. "Ted" Aiken IV (Sue), Wrightsville, Julie M. Aiken, York, Elizabeth A. Potter, Mechanicsburg, and Jane White (Jeff), Lewis Center, OH. She was proud of her brilliant grandchildren, Mike Smoczynski, Katie White, Jeffrey White, Tricia Potter, and Teddy Potter. She was predeceased by her sister,

Grace Hampton.

No service is scheduled at this time. A celebration of

her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Wild Animal Sanctuary at wildanimalsanctuary.org.

Arrangements by the Koller Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Inc., 2000 W. Market St. York.

