

Clara (Sorocka) Brown, (11 Feb 1915 – 1 Dec 2009), Perry County Times, December 24, 2009

Clara "Claire" Sorocka Brown, 94, formerly of Drexel Hill and Atlas, Pa., died Dec. 1, 2009 at The Manor of Perry Village, New Bloomfield.

She was born Feb. 11, 1915 in Atlas to the late **Matthew Sorocka** and **Mary Betley**.

She worked for the ordnance during war times and was employed with George H. Buchanan Printing Company as a secretary/clerk; salutatorian of her graduating class at Mount Carmel Township High School; a porcelain artist and teacher for 45 years and a member of the International Porcelain Artists Organization and Delaware Valley Porcelain Artists Guild; and a member of Saint Hermans of Alaska Orthodox Church in Gradyville, where she was on the church council and a member of the church's Sisterhood, and also had attended Saint Michaels Orthodox and Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, both of Mount Carmel, and Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission Parish, Mechanicsburg.

Surviving are a daughter, **Maryellen Brown** of Marysville; a sister, **Mary Kessler** and her husband **William**; and nieces and nephews **Alexander Priest** and wife **Susan**, **Deborah Bradley** and husband **Thomas** and daughter **Emily**, **Maryann Sullivan** and husband **Frank** and sons **Matthew**, **Christopher** and **Brian** and his wife **Kimberly**; also, **Anthony Smaletz Jr.** and wife **Claudia** and daughter **Vanessa**, **Diane McLaughlin** and husband **Daniel** and children **Shannon** and **Brian**.

Services were held Dec. 16 in her church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Kaniesski, Kendus, D'Anjolell Memorial Home, Trainer, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission Parish.

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