

Mary (Grubb) Deiter, (23 Oct 1935 – 27 Dec 2011), Perry County Times, 14 January 2012

Mary “Joan” Deiter, 76, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 in her Perry, Utah home.

She was born Oct. 23, 1935 in Liverpool to the late **Manford** and **Melinda (Witmer) Grubb**.

While in Liverpool, she learned to swim in the Susquehanna River and enjoyed reading and playing in her grandmother Grubb’s attic. In 1943, her family moved to Harrisburg, and in 1953 she graduated from John Harris High School. She took a secretarial job with the Liquor Control Board. She moved with her husband and four children in 1965 to Utah when he was transferred to Hill Air Force Base. She worked in secretarial positions at Thiokol, IRS and Hill Air Force Base, where she retired in 1993.

She was a longtime member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Brigham City, Utah, volunteering at soup kitchens and in the quilting circle. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed birding and researching family history, but her greatest passion was listening to and playing music on stringed instruments including banjo, mandolin and especially the piano.

She was the widow of **Nelson Deiter**, who died in December 2000.

Surviving are a brother, **Robert Grubb** of Craig, Colo.; a daughter, **Catherine Reed** of Selah, Wash.; two sons, **Andrew Deiter** of Perry, Utah, and **James** of Somerset, Pa.; two nephews, **Bobby Grubb** and **Mark Grubb**; a niece, **Cherie**; two granddaughters, **Jamie Stein** and **Jill Birch**, and two grandsons, **Blake** and **Jered Godfrey**; and seven great-grandchildren, **Madeline, Lily** and **Bella Birch, Willm** and **Elsa Stein**, and **Taysielen** and **KaydenRay Godfrey**.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, **Laurie Sue**, who died in 1977.

Services were held Jan. 2 in her church and Jan. 7 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Millerstown.

Burial was in St. Matthews Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Gillies Funeral Chapel, Brigham City, handled arrangements. Local arrangements were handled by George P. Garman Funeral Home, Liverpool.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Best Friends Animal Shelter near Moab, Utah, or any charity.