

Martha M. (Stouffer) McDermond, (21 May 1931 – 26 Jun 2009), Perry County Times, Wednesday, July 08, 2009

Martha M. McDermond, 78, died Friday, June 26, 2009 at her home in Oliver Twp., Newport.

She was born May 21, 1931 in New Kingston, to the late **Leonard** and **Isabella (Sollenberger) Stouffer**.

She was the owner of the former Bears and Balloons, Newport; mayor of Newport for 12 years; a member of Pine Grove Church of God, Newport, where she taught Sunday school and was a past deaconess, Perry Valley Grange and Perry County Food Bank; served on the board of directors of RSVP and was active with the Fresh Air Fund; a former worker with the Perry Human Services hotline; a volunteer mentor for the second grade at Newport Elementary School; and a former Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother.

She was the widow of **Jay E. McDermond**.

Surviving are three children, **Jay E. Jr.** of Mechanicsburg, **Frank H.C.** of Newport and **Karmae Amsbaugh** of Carlisle; a brother, **Leonard K. Stouffer** of Newville; three sisters, **Bonnie Bitner** of Grayson, **Louise Hoover** of Newville and **Margaret Hoover** of Newville; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, **John W. Stouffer**, and a sister, **Charlotte Witter**.

Services were held June 30 in Newport First Church of God with the Rev. Cheryl Dorman officiating.

Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

David M. Myers Funeral Home, Newport, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church's festival building fund, 2041 Newport Road, Newport 17074.

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