

Melba Carolyn (Wallet) Orris, (21 Nov 1925 – 13 May 2011), The Daily Item, Friday, May 13, 2011



NORTHUMBERLAND — **Melba Carolyn Orris**, 85, formerly a long time resident of Center Street, Middleburg, passed away at 1:15 a.m. on Friday May 13, 2011 at Nottingham Village, Northumberland.

She was born Nov. 21, 1925 at Ickesburg, a daughter of the late **Alvin R. and Rosa Lee (Simonton) Wallett**. On Sept. 1, 1946 she married **Kenneth E. Orris**, also a resident of Nottingham Village, who survives.

Melba was a 1944 graduate of the Thompson Business College, Harrisburg. Prior to her marriage, she worked for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. and for 21 years, she was employed at Bilger & Sons, Middleburg as a secretary. She also taught piano lessons privately.

She was a member of the First United Church of Christ, Middleburg, where she served as church organist for more than 50 years. She also served as chairman of the Worship Committee for more than 35 years. She held offices in the Regular's Circle, served on the church consistory and building committee, taught Sunday school classes, directed the junior choir, played for Sunday school and was treasurer of the Adult Sunday School class.

She was a 25-year member of the Middleburg Women's Club, charter member of the Middleburg Area Recreation Association, served on community council, was an associate member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Reliance Hose Co., Middleburg and the Susquehanna University Women.

She volunteered for the American Cancer Society for more than 40 years, and played in the Selinsgrove Area Adult Band for Cancer Benefit for 35 years. She was active in promoting trips for retired persons, serving 4 years as president of MARP.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 64 years, are three sons and daughters-in-law, **Dale and Jo Orris**, of Winfield, **David and Deborah Orris**, of Selinsgrove, and **Daryl and Wendy Orris**, of Mifflinburg; three granddaughters, twins **Amy and Sarah Orris** and **Darby Orris**.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, **Carolyn Mae Orris**, in 1952.

Friends will be received from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the First United Church of Christ, 8671 Route 522, Middleburg, where the funeral will follow at 3 with the Rev. Julia A. Beall, officiating.

Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, Middleburg.

Arrangements are by the Hummel Funeral Home, Middleburg.

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