

Sara E. (Moyer) Rafuse, (23 Jun 1920 – 29 Oct 2009), Perry County Times Thursday, October 14, 2010

A memorial service for **Sara Elizabeth** “Sally” **Rafuse**, June 23, 1920-Oct. 29, 2009, of Ottawa, Canada, formerly of Newport, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, in Incarnation United Church of Christ, Newport. Burial will be in Newport Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Perry County Historical Society or Newport Public Library.

She was the mother of **Andrew Rafuse**, **Elise Rafuse** and **Susan Kelly**, grandmother of **Sarah Kelly**, aunt of **Richard Moyer** and **Margaret Gillmore**, and grand-aunt of **Richard Moyer**, **Steven Moyer**, **Mark Moyer**, **Michelle Dixon** and **Alice Moulton**, and cousin to the extended **Bistline**, **Moyer** and **Rice** families, formerly or currently of the Newport area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, **Oscar** and **Dora Moyer**; her husband, **Bruce Rafuse**; a brother, **James Moyer**; and a sister, **Grace Gelnett Darlington**.

She was born and raised on a Newport farm and graduated in 1937 from Newport High School. She received a B.A. in English from Hood College, Md., in 1941 and a library technician’s diploma from Algonquin College, Ontario, in 1975.

She was a journalist for her hometown newspaper from 1941 to 1958. She was a publicity clerk with the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, a research analyst with the Army Security Agency, a cryptographer and editor with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), a writer and staff trainer as a lieutenant with the U.S. Naval Reserve in Washington, D.C., and a clerk-stenographer with the Air Force Central Coordinating Staff — Canada in Ottawa.

She married **Bruce Rafuse**, a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) officer, in 1957 in Newport. She became a dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada in 1991.

She began work in 1973 as a library technician and from 1979 as a technical writer, working into her 70s.

She volunteered for many community, health and political organizations; and enjoyed travel, cooking, news, music, education and politics.

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