



Doris June Feindler

May 4, 1938 - December 7, 2023

Doris June Feindler, 85 years old, passed away on December 7, 2023. She was born in Chester, PA and was the first-born daughter, and the third child, of what would become a blended family of six siblings. Early in life, she was diagnosed with a profound hearing loss. Once diagnosed, she quickly picked up proficiency in sign language for the deaf. At six years old, she began a residency education at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (PSD) in Philadelphia where she studied over 12 years, receiving an equivalent high school education. At PSD she became competent in reading lips and speaking recognizably with her voice. This allowed her to participate in hearing world social activities that were not typical for most deaf persons in the mid-20th century. She particularly was active in women's sports, including basketball, softball, bowling, and field hockey. For example, she played softball for the Chester Rockettes, where she garnered accolades for swatting home runs. After finishing her schooling at PSD, she was hired to work on accounts for the Bell Telephone Regional Billing Office in Upper Darby, becoming their first deaf employee. She gained competency in checking calculations using a comptometer (an early calculator) and in punching usage record cards for calculation on the regional IBM computer. She was called upon to train others on using that equipment. After she left Bell Telephone, she spent about 20 years travelling through much of the US, based, on and off, in the greater Los Angeles region of California and in Southeast Pennsylvania. She ultimately moved to the greater Baltimore area nearly 30

years ago, where she lived until her passing. Family and friends who knew her also knew of her natural intelligence, quick wit, and unique sense of silly humor. She leaves behind two siblings: Nancy May Donnelly of Middletown, Delaware and James Louis Crawford, Sr. of Tacoma, Washington; also, seven nieces and 11 nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ *Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Doris June Feindler - December 14, 2023 at 11:16 AM