



Asbury Methodist Village
Gaithersburg, Maryland

A Celebration of the Life

of

Esther C. Laffer

(March 28, 1911 – August 16, 2008)



Saturday, August 23, 2008
11:00 AM

The Guild Memorial Chapel
211 Russell Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Mrs. Esther Laffer was born to the late Charles and Elizabeth Coker on March 28, 1911 in Salem, Massachusetts. She went to Keuka College in upper New York State and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition in 1932. Esther trained to become a hospital dietitian. After two years in Great Barrington, Massachusetts she worked as the private pavilion dietitian at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut for seven years. Esther later worked at The University of Maryland – College Park in the Registrar's Office.

Esther met the late Norman C. "Pete" Laffer (Major, United States Army) through mutual friends; they married in 1942. They had four children; one son, Peter Laffer, preceded Mrs. Laffer in death.

Mrs. Laffer was a charter member of the University United Methodist Church in College Park, Maryland, where she was active in the Crib Room (infant nursery) and in charge of wedding receptions. She served as treasurer of the United Methodist Women's Organization. She was a Girl Scout leader and worked at the election polls for many years. Esther enjoyed handiwork and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed traveling, both to visit family and friends, and around the world to such places as Africa, Thailand and India. During her time at Asbury Methodist Village, Mrs. Laffer volunteered at the Bargain Mart and the Mund Reception area.

Those who remain to cherish her memory include: Susan Updegrove (Craig); Trudy Laffer; Esther Smith (Don); fifteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, extended family and friends, many of whom reside at Asbury Methodist Village.