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Mary Laurine Williams, age 91, of Waynesburg, by way of Bethel Park, Clearfield, and originally of Oil City, passed away on July 31, 2017, at Lauri-Mur Acres, as she referred to the lovingly restored old Kent Family Farm.

Laurine was preceded in death by her husband, Murray W. Williams, who died on March 28, 2017.

Surviving are their four children and spouses, Deborah L. (Lloyd P.) Rudy of Williamsburg, Ohio, Denise K (Atsunobu) Furuya of Batavia, Ohio, Diane W. (William) Lindley of Lone Pine, and Kenneth W. (Maureen) Williams of Bethel Park, along with her nine grandchildren and spouses, and 11 great-grandchildren, all of who provided her comfort, support and love.

Laurine was the only daughter of William J. and Mary Alice (Pulliam) Schneck.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneck also had a son, William Leroy, who was seven years older than Laurine. Upon hearing that there was a new sister in the house Leroy was heard to say, "If I can't have a brother I'd rather have a dog!" In spite of that Leroy & Laurine remained great friends, until his death in January of 2008.

Laurine's schooling started in Oil City for kindergarten and first grade, Coudersport for second grade, then she attended third thru twelfth grades in Clearfield, which she truly felt was her home. It was during those high school years, when Murray saw Laurine walking across the gym floor toward a piano, as she would be the accompanist for the new Glee Club. He fell head-over-heels! After high school, Laurine attended Allegheny College, for two years, with a Music Major in mind.

When Murray returned home from WWII, they began, on June 26, 1946, 71 years (minus three months) of a very loving marriage.

During her life Laurine kept busy. For a time she was the organist for the King's Light Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. She spent 15 years in girl scouting; organized and directed the Bethel Logan Singing Scouts, trained scout leaders, and was chairman of "Partners in Scouting" a fund raising project for the Girl Scout Council of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Among her many interests were making marionettes, crafting Halloween costumes, developing cardboard replicas and furniture for various occasion. One project, a 1776 log cabin built for her grandson, was on display at the Green County Historical Society for years. A bit of drying out caused it to be referred to as a "fire hazard", hence its demise. Her greatest interest surfaced when a "genealogical bug" caught Laurine in 1968, after her mother had passed. Trips to Missouri, Virginia, eastern Pennsylvania, and Washington D. C., to name a few, made researching fun. Especially, since Laurine met new relatives and made many friends along the way. She published her Schneck Family History, *Im Schneckengang*, in 1985.

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Waynesburg. In 1977, Laurine and her husband purchased the 1850s farm house, for something to do when Murray retired. They spent six to seven years working diligently to restore the farm, which was accepted on the National Register of Historic Places. Going to the Bowlby Library and finding the Cornerstone Genealogical Library became treasures for Laurine, as she would seek out details of the farm and who built the house. She became a member of the Waynesburg Library Club, and had been President and served on the Board of the Cornerstone Genealogical Society until this past year. Laurine found her niche, in this once new-to-her community, and became a contributing member of Waynesburg and Greene County, et al.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00, Saturday, August 26, 2017, in Waynesburg First United Methodist Church, 112 North Richhill St., Waynesburg with Rev. David S. Lake officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Community Action Southwest, Greene County, 58 East Greene St., Waynesburg, PA 15370.

Additional Information can be found at Behm Funeral Home www.behmfh.com.

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home from World War II, they began June 26, 1946, 71 years (minus three months) of a very loving marriage. During her life, she was Mrs. Williams busy. For a time, she was organist for Order of Eastern Star King's Light Chapter. She spent 15 years in Girl Scouting, organized and directed Bethel Logan Singing Scouts, trained scout leaders and was chairman of "Partners in Scouting," a fund raising project for Girl Scout Council of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Among her many interests were making marionettes, crafting Halloween costumes and developing cardboard replicas and furniture for various occasions. One project, a 1776 log cabin built for her grandson, was on display at Greene County Historical Society for years. A bit of drying out caused it to be referred to as a "fire hazard," hence its demise. Her greatest interest surfaced when a "genealogical bug" caught Laurine in 1968, after her mother passed. Trips to Missouri, Virginia, eastern Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., to name a few, made researching fun. Especially since Mrs. Williams met new relatives and made many friends along the way. She published her Schneck Family History, *Im Schneckengang*, in 1985. All the research and book work would assist her in finding new friends and purpose in Waynesburg. In 1977, she and her husband purchased the 1850s farm house, for something to do when Murray retired. They spent six to seven years working diligently to restore the farm, which was accepted on the National Register of Historic Places. Going to Bowlby Library and finding the Cornerstone Genealogical Library became treasures for her, as she would seek out details of the farm and who built the house. She became a member of Waynesburg Library Club and had been president and served on the board of Cornerstone Genealogical Society, until this past year. Mrs. Williams found her niche in this once new-to-her community and became a contributing member of Waynesburg and Greene County, et al. A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, August 26, in First United Methodist Church, 112 North Richhill Street, Waynesburg, with the Rev. David S. Lake officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Behm Funeral Homes Inc., Waynesburg. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Community Action Southwest - Greene County, 58 East Greene Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Additional information is available at www.behmfh.com.