

VICKI (DAHLGREN) RICHART
January 31, 1943 - November 15, 1999

Vicki Dahlgren Richart, 56, well-known Canton educator, died unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at the Williamsport Hospital following a brief illness.

Vicki was one of two daughters born to Wilfred L. and the late Ruth Irene Fry Dahlgren on Jan. 31, 1943, in Williamsport. Vicki graduated from Pensacola High School, class of 1960. As a young woman she was a member of Pensacola's McIlwain Presbyterian Church, where she was active in the church's music ensemble. Following graduation, she attended Belhaven Bible College in Jackson, Miss., until 1962. Vicki then transferred to Bloomsburg University, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

On Dec. 20, 1963, Vicki married James O. Richart at the Hughesville Baptist Church. The young couple moved to the Canton area to make their home and start a teaching career that would span the next several years. Mrs. Richart taught sixth grade for many years at Canton and most recently worked as a Title One Math Lab teacher. In earlier years she taught at the former Leroy School House and the Ralston Head Start. She retired with a master's degree in education on June 11, 1999, serving the school district and students for many years.

Vicki's main interest throughout life were her family, home and church. She loved sewing, knitting, crocheting and working with crafts. Vicki also enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, horseback riding and student-flying in preparation for their pilot's license.

Vicki was an active member of the East Canton United Methodist Church. She was involved in choir and Sunday school and was editor of the church's newsletter. She was a member of PSEA, NEA, Canton Education Association, Towanda Pilots Association, and a member of the former Canton Mothers Club. Mrs. Richart supported many school activities and sports, including coaching girls' basketball, girls' bowling and keeping score for many softball and basketball games. She was instrumental in the organization of the Leroy Little Queens Girls' softball team.

In addition to her father, Wilfred, of Hughesville, Vicki is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, James, at home; a son and daughter-in-law,, Mark and Deidre Richard of Athens, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Michael Duda of Newport, Pa.; four grandchildren, James and Trevor Richart and Rachel and John Duda; her sister, Debra Bailey of Brookville, Pa; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Richard was predeceased by her mother Ruth Irene Dahlgren in 1963.

The family will receive friends at the East Canton United Methodist Church from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 1999. A memorial service will immediately follow at 7:30 p.m. with the revs. William Lusk and Jasper Smith officiating. Interment will be held 11 a.m. Friday in the East Canton Cemetery, Canton Township, Pa. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the East Canton United Methodist Church Memorial fund, RR 1, Canton, PA. Donations will be directed by the family for special projects in Mrs. Richart's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Pepper funeral Home, Spring Brook Drive, Canton.