

Olga Purcell

November 23, 2008

Olga Purcell, 91, passed away peacefully Sunday morning in Richmond, Va.

She was a daughter of the late Alexander and Mary Halkowicz Polanchyck, founders of Alexander's 5&10 Store, Frackville, and the wife of the late Joseph T. Purcell.

A lifelong resident of Frackville, Olga moved to Richmond in 1998.

She was retired from North Schuylkill School District, where she was secretary to the assistant superintendent of schools. She was previously employed at A&P Stores, and in her early years was a reporter for the Pottsville Republican.

She was a member of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church and St. Barbara's Auxiliary. Other affiliations included the Frackville Women's Club, Ladies of the Elks, and Senior Citizens, where she played piano and accompanied the chorus.

Her strong faith, positive attitude and outgoing personality inspired everyone who knew her and attracted many friends over the years. She was blessed with good health and remained active until shortly before her death.

She is survived by three children, Joanne McGarraghy, Vienna, Va., Karen Yesolitis, Glen Allen, Va., and James T. Purcell, Santa Barbara, Calif.; seven grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; nieces and nephews; a sisterinlaw, Helen Polanchyck; and two

brothersinlaw, Dr. Peter Showman and James E. Purcell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday from Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, 209 S. Lehigh Ave., Frackville, with the Rev. Matthew Cantrell officiating. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Ascension Orthodox Church Memorial Fund, 209 S. Lehigh Ave., Frackville, PA 17931. NiceHart Funeral Home Inc., Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.