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Dorothea Sarr, 91, Active Volunteer, Former Darien Resident

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Dorthea Hess Sarr “Dottie”, age 91, of Kennett Square, Pa., died Monday March 12, at the Crosslands Community in Kennett Square.

She was the wife of the late Richard B. Sarr with whom she shared 56 years of marriage, until he passed away in 2008.

Born in July 1926 in Dillsburg, Pa., Dottie was the second of five children of Clyde and Emma Romaine (Weaver) Hess.

She grew up in Dillsburg surrounded by relatives. She was raised in the United Brethren Church and stayed active in her church faith throughout her life.

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Dottie joined the Cadet Nursing Corps in 1944 and attended Pennsylvania Hospital Nursing School in Philadelphia. She graduated as a registered nurse in 1947, and began working in the maternity department of Pennsylvania Hospital.

In 1949, Dottie stopped in the small town of Marion, Va. while traveling with friends. She met a young man named Richard Sarr from Ellenville, N.Y., who was temporarily stranded due to an auto accident. Dick begged a ride back north with Dottie and friends, and a romance evolved. In October 1951, they sealed their mutual affection by getting married.

— [an obituary](#) from *Kuzo & Grieco Funeral Home*

Marriage brought them three children. Dick's work with IBM took the family to Poughkeepsie N.Y., Lexington Ky., and back to Dottie's home town of Dillsburg. The family then spent two years in Denmark.

They returned to the States and settled in Darien, where they attended Darien United Methodist Church and made many dear friends. In Darien, she was an active volunteer with the YWCA, A Better Chance, the Red Cross, Americares, the Newcomers' Club, the Suburbanites, the Republican Party, and PEO.

Dottie and Dick enjoyed playing tennis, and when her tennis playing days were over, Dottie continued to follow tennis on TV.

Dottie and Dick loved to travel and to visit family and friends. They visited Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Russia, Canada, and traveled throughout Europe and the United States.

Dottie nurtured life-long friendships with the same care and affection as her garden. Favorite pastimes included daily devotions, bridge, needlework, quilting, crosswords, gardening, and feeding the birds.

Dottie and Dick moved to Kennett Square in 2005, and made new friends in the Cartmel and Crosslands communities. Dottie volunteered with the Sunflower Shop and the Sternwheelers, played bridge at least once per week, and enjoyed trips to the orchestra.

She enjoyed the company of her sister Marian, and keeping up with her children and grandchildren. She attended Church of the Advent in Kennett Square, where she joined the prayer shawl ministry. She continued to knit even in her last days, always enjoying doing for others.

Dottie was a devoted and beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Nancy, Richard and David, daughter-in-law Julia; her sister, Marian Peppel of Springfield, Pa.; her brother, Lee Hess of Shalimar, Fla.; and grandchildren Emma and Benjamin.

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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m, Saturday May 19, 2018 at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, 401 N. Union St. Kennett Square, Pa. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to:

—[Episcopal Church of the Advent](#), 201 Crestline Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348

—[Kennett Area Community Services](#) KACS (a/k/a Kennett Food Cupboard), PO Box 1025. Kennett Square, PA 19348

—[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

To view her online tribute and to share a memory with her family, please visit the funeral home website (scroll down to the bottom of [this Web page](#)).
