



## DeEtte G. Ballantyne

December 14, 2013

DeEtte G. Ballantyne, 98, of formerly of Pulaski and Westvale died Saturday, Dec., 14th. Born in Port Byron she graduated from Auburn High School, Wheaton College and Columbia University. DeEtte was the former head of Social Services at Syracuse Memorial Hospital and later retired in 1980 after 15 years as a social worker in the Syracuse City Schools. She volunteered as a cook at an Indian School in Tempe, AZ, at the Church World Services in Baltimore, MD and many other religious groups. She was named in 1976 Post Standard Woman of the Year as a "Woman of Achievement" for Social Services. After her retirement and a full life of living, loving and travelling with her husband Tom she moved to her lovely cottage on Lake Ontario. There she enjoyed the company of her many friends, sharing stories and iced tea while watching beautiful Lake Ontario sunsets. She was predeceased by husband Thomas in 1972 and her brother Charles O. Barnes in 2002. Sadly DeEtte's mental state deteriorated and she has been in nursing home care since 2002. Thank you to her caregivers and to those church members that had stayed in touch. She was a long time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She is survived by two nieces DeEtte Franz and Jill Barnes both of Malone; two nephews Randy Barnes of Hawley, PA and Jeffrey Barnes of Oswego and their families. She was a wonderful person, really fun Aunt and will be missed. Calling hour will be held from 1 to 2 pm Saturday followed by a service at 2 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1601 Park St., Syracuse, NY 13208. Private burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse. Contributions may be

made to church. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10  
Genesee St., Camillus. Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ My condolences to the Ballantyne family. Luke 20:38 says: He is a God not of the dead but of the living, for they are all living to him. Yes to God his loyal ones who have died faithful to him are as good as alive, their resurrection is a certainty. Please find some comfort from this, in your difficult days ahead.

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**Mary Miller** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy to DeEtte's family. We both grew up in Westminster Church and have many fond memories of both DeEtte & Tom. In fact, as a young child DeEtte was my Sunday School Teacher. We share your loss.

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**Don & Donna Cook** - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ My condolence and blessing to your entire family! DeEtte was very dear to our church family at Westminster Presbyterian Church, she will be forever cherished and loved! May her life and legacy live on richly in your hearts and lives. May God's comfort, love and strength be with you all during this time. Sincerely, Reverend Patricia Simmons & Westminster Presbyterian Church

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**Patricia Simmons** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ DeEtte was our wonderful next door neighbor at the Lake. We shared many good times. She had such great stories to tell and so much knowledge through her vast experience. We are glad to have known her and are grateful for the care you gave her.

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**Dee & Dick Granville** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sympathy and prayers to the family. I knew DeEtte as a neighbor on North Rainbow Shores Rd. She was such a nice person. She kept her yard so neat, always mowed. Such a difficult disease. God bless you.*

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**Sally Sessler** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I had the good fortune to work with DeEtte at Lincoln Elementary School before it was closed. DeEtte was a warm, passionate professional who cared about our students. It was a honor to work together.*

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**Rick Beyer** - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM