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Muriel Helene McEvoy Szeremany, of Monroeville, Pennsylvania since 1994, beloved wife of the Reverend Dr. J. Richard Szeremany died on Saturday, January 15, 2011 after a brief illness. A funeral service was held at the chapel of Fairmount Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey on Saturday, January 22, 2011. A celebratory Memorial service and Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 4 p.m. in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church (Penn and Highland Avenues) with the Chancel Choir singing, Muriel's husband playing several of her favorite organ and piano compositions as well as bringing a remembrance of her life. The Reverend Dr. Randy Bush and the Reverend Heather Schoenwolf will conduct the liturgy. Born and raised in Irvington, New Jersey, the daughter of the late Johanna Dorothea and Harry Sylvester McEvoy, she graduated from Irvington High School and entered the United States Attorney's Office in Newark where she served as secretary rising to the rank of Administrative Assistant to the US Attorney having oversight of the Newark, Camden and Trenton offices. After her marriage in 1964 to the Reverend J. Richard Szeremany, Muriel resided in Orange, NJ for the next 30 years after which she and her husband moved to Monroeville, Pennsylvania . In 1964 Muriel left the US Attorney's Office to become Assistant to the Director of the Montclair, NJ Art Museum. Following that employment she became Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark. In 1969, while pursuing her studies in horticulture at the University of Connecticut , she founded and directed the operation of The Cherry Tree Shop, a plant, flower and antiques shop outreach of the Munn Avenue Presbyterian Church of East Orange, NJ. Her business career continued with her opening of Good News Design Art and Decorating Shop featuring the art and decorative offerings of TransArt Industries serving as a Personal Design Consultant for a number of major New Jersey corporations and private clients. As a musician Muriel's singing career included several appointments as contralto soloist at St. John's Lutheran Church and North Reformed Church in Newark, NJ and the Prospect Presbyterian Church in Maplewood. She also sang during the High Holy Days for several local synagogues as well as appearing as soloist for oratorios as well as classical and "pops" concerts. While serving as Administrative Assistant to the United States Attorney she was granted a leave of absence to appear as contralto for four weeks in the annual Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, New York City. In addition to her career employment Muriel was an avid gardener with a particular interest in roses. Her hobbies included decorating, artistic home design, sewing and painting. Gifts in Memory of Muriel H. Szeremany may be directed to: Church World Service, New York Headquarters, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 700, New York, New York 10115 (1.212.870.2061 ).Local arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATION CENTER OF MONROEVILLE.

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