

Kathleen Dressler Loftus

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Mrs. Kathleen Loftus

Mrs. Kathleen I. Loftus, 86, of Wheaton, died Sunday, April 14, at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring.

She was the wife of Harry C. Loftus, who died in 1961.

Born Sept. 3, 1915, in Hinton, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Charles and Lottie Briers Dressler.

Mrs. Loftus was an administrative assistant for the U.S. Office of Education. She assisted in implementing a student loan program under the recently enacted National Defense Education Act.

She also worked on the U.S. Navy's Vanguard space program and for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Prior to entering government service, she

worked as a secretary for Hecht Company from 1946-1955.

After her retirement from the government in 1967, Mrs. Loftus returned to and lived in Hinton before settling in New Market. Since 1998, she had resided in Randolph Hills Nursing Home in Wheaton.

She had a lifelong interest in music and was an accomplished pianist. She also loved to sew.

Surviving are three children, Harry C. Loftus and wife Dorothy of Temple Hills, Lillian Biller of Silver Spring, and Mary Frances Myers and husband William H. of Mount Airy; six grandchildren, Kathleen Klaess, Eva Klaess, Harry C. Loftus III, Melinda Traino, Harry Biller and Walter Biller; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Barbara Withrow of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Daisy Fink of Montgomery, W.Va.

Mrs. Loftus was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karen Loftus.

Private memorial services will be held Sunday, April 21.

Arrangements are being handled by Stauffer Funeral Home, Mount Airy.