

Birth: Oct. 15, 1926
Trenton
Mercer County
New Jersey, USA
Death: Feb. 18, 2009
Harrisburg
Dauphin County
Pennsylvania, USA

Alice ("Auntie") Fearen, 82, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on February 18, 2009 at Homeland Center in Harrisburg.

Miss Fearen was born October 15, 1926, in Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of Thomas and Bessie Fearen.

She graduated from Susquehanna Township High School in 1943 at the age of 16, and from Shippensburg State Teachers College in 1947. At the age of 20, Miss Fearen became head of the English department at Lemasters High School in Franklin County, where she was called upon to teach returning veterans several years her senior. In 1951, Miss Fearen returned to Susquehanna Township to teach English and World Cultures at her alma mater. She is best remembered for her art history classes and as a champion of international student exchange. The high school library (The Keiser-Fearen Media Center) honors Miss Fearen's 47-year teaching career and lifelong commitment to education.

One of Miss Fearen's greatest joys was taking her students, at her own expense, to art galleries and historic places in New York and Washington, DC. A plaque at the National Cathedral recognizes her for having brought the most students to tour. She was a longtime member of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Retired Teachers, and a board member of the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association.

Alice shared her intellectual curiosity, passion for art, fascination with world history, and appreciation of diverse cultures with her beloved nieces. She was deeply affected by the Kennedy presidency, and her comprehensive personal chronicle of JFK is now housed in the Army War College in Carlisle. An avid photographer, she was the family historian, documenting every minor accomplishment and major milestone. As a trusted confidante, "Auntie" earned a coveted seat at the children's table during holiday dinners.

Alice Fearen is survived by her brother, William Fearen (Diane) of Camp Hill; her nieces Carolyn Brandow, Diana Miles, Elizabeth Fearen, and Vivian Fearen; and her grand nieces and grand nephews: Allison Miles, Benjamin Miles, Rebecca Brandow, and William Brandow. The memorial service will be held Monday, February 23rd, 11 a.m., at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3640 Ash Street, Harrisburg, followed by a luncheon at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations can be made to Susquehanna Township School District, 3500 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109, for The Keiser-Fearen Media Center.

(bio by: [Bill Corl](#))

Burial:

Cremated, Ashes given to family or friend.

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Record added: Feb 20, 2009

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