

## Mrs. Charlotte Falconer Howser

Mrs. Charlotte Falconer Howser, 102, a resident of the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville since January 1991, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

Mrs. Howser was born Nov. 6, 1906, in New Market. She was the daughter of the late William Eldred Falconer and Annie Elizabeth Koogle Falconer. She was the devoted and loving wife of John W. Howser Jr., who died Dec. 11, 1970.

Mrs. Howser graduated from Middletown High School in 1924. In January 1933, she married John W. Howser Jr. and moved to Lanham, where she resided for the next 58 years until moving to the Charlestown Retirement Community.

In September 1943, Mrs. Howser went to work for the federal government at the War Production Board in Washington as a purchasing agent buying industrial trucks for the war effort. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, Mrs. Howser again became a full-time homemaker.

She was a very active member for many years at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Lanham. During that time, she served on the Altar Guild, numerous committees and taught Sunday school. Mrs. Howser was an avid gardener and was very fond of raising flowers. She enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting and knitting. She was very devoted to her family and friends, and was always available to provide care and comfort during periods of sickness or other emergencies. She was active in several social and volunteer organizations in the Lanham area.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lucian K. Falconer Sr. and Charles Eldred Falconer; a sister, Frances M. Falconer; and a nephew, George Howser.

She is survived by six nephews, Lucian K. Falconer Jr. of Frederick, William C. Falconer of Middletown, Robert P. Falconer of Fort Worth, Texas, John Howser of Annapolis, Phillip Nalley of Edgewater and Robert Howser of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three nieces, Charlotte Dyson of Newark, Susan Nalley of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Meeielou Symes of Chevy Chase; and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in the chapel at the Charlestown Retirement Center, 709 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville. The Rev. Gary Hajek, senior pastor of the Charlestown United Protestant Church, will officiate.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3201 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Benevolence Care Fund at the Charlestown Retirement Center, 711 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228.

Arrangements are by Molesworth--Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, Damascus.

