



Mrs. Leah (Russell) Hoover

October 3, 1921 - July 6, 2015

Leah E. (Russell) Hoover, age 93, of Fair Haven, passed away on July 6, 2015. She was born on October 3, 1921, in Monesson, Pennsylvania, to the late William and Margaret Russell. She married James Hoover, he preceded her in death on September 25, 1999.

Leah served honorably in the U.S. Army, in the Nurses Corp, during World War II. She was a longtime registered nurse and nursing home administrator, who inspired others to become nurses and she was an avid reader.

She is survived by her daughter, Leigh (Daniel) Michelson of Thousand Oaks, California, son, James (Linda) Hoover of Fair Haven, 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, sister, Nancy Zahoranski of S. Carolina, brothers, Allen (Donna) Russell of Georgia, Joseph Russell of St. Clair, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by son, Patrick Michael Hoover, daughter, Patricia Margaret Hoover at birth and 7 sisters and brothers.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorial tributes can be made to: Veterans Honor Guard Alliance.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom was unique- they broke the mold when they made her. I am so blessed to have had her for my mom for so many years! EVERYONE loved her. Her kindness and generosity were way of the scale- and so was her brain! Talk about intelligence..... wow!!!! Thank you all!

Leigh Michelson - July 12, 2015 at 06:46 PM

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“ She even checked my spelling and called me one night at the sheriff's dept to tell me I spelled gonco wrong! Took me 10 minutes to convince her I didn't have a patient on a gomco machine. Then she told me I had better find a better way to identify myself, that's how i came to initial everything with the sign of the ounce. NAZ upside down. They know that sigh all the way to Columbia. one night a supervisor walked by me, backed up and said "yes, i'm watching you tonight" I didn't get away with anything. Leah kept asking for the keys especially for the closet to the ventilators. They kept telling her she didn't need them. Exasperated she told the janitor " Then I'll take the fire ax and *#**@#* the door down. " One night we got a call at the sheriff's dept there was a chlorine spill at the beach. The Sargent called St Joes, the Corporal called Mt C Gen, the radio room called for an evacuation of the neirhborhood ,forgetting poor Harrison Hospital. After I reminded then they called Harrison. I waited an hour then called Leah and asked her what she did. She sais " I broke the glass, took the fire ax an smashed the *#**\$@* door in. Needless to say, she got the keys the next day.and a thousand other stories. luv ya LEAH, NANCY

NANCY A. ZAHORANSKI - July 10, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Aunt Leah inspired so many people during her lifetime. She was a dynamic woman, and Matriarch of the Russell Clan. Her love had no bounds, her wisdom no equal. You will forever be in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to call you "AUNT".*

*Janet Russell Skinner
Daughter of brother Billy Russell*

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