

Blanche A. Jost
June 6, 2005

Each year it is with both sadness and warm memories that I reflect upon some of the special members we have lost since our last annual message. This year is no exception. Some details about each of the individuals clearly represent simply a snapshot of my recollections and fall vastly short of any kind of summary of their individual contributions. In this reflection I often find meaning in the work we do, primarily because life is all about the legacy we leave for future generations.

Blanche Jost– I got to know Blanche Jost initially through her daughter, Connie Jost, for whom our art scholarship is named. It would be hard to say who was the more playful and witty – Blanche or Connie – but in either event there was no denying those amusing genes. Both mother and daughter were artists. Blanche was so very pleased with the scholarship given in her daughter’s name. Each year I would go to see her to deliver the news of the most recent winner. Over lunch she would confide to me that she hoped someday a Vineland student would be honored since Connie grew up and taught there. I assured her that at some point surely the panel would select a Vineland student. Blanche was delighted when that finally happened.

Newspaper Obituary, Daily Journal
BLANCHE A. JOST, 80

Local artist, art teacher at The Ellison School

Blanche A. (Stetler) Jost, 80, of Vineland passed away Monday, June 6, 2005, at her residence.

Mrs. Jost was born in Audubon and was a resident of Vineland for the past 60 years. She attended Audubon High School and the Spring Garden Institute for Art. Mrs. Jost was an artist and taught art, as well as gave art lessons at her home for many years. She was the art teacher at The Ellison School of Vineland and also did art therapy at the Rainbow Convalescent Center of Pittsgrove. Blanche was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Vineland Woman’s Club, and was past treasurer of the Glass Club of Wheaton Village and a volunteer at the New Jersey Memorial Home for many years. She was a Girl Scout leader and a mariner troop leader, and did a lot of volunteer work. Blanche enjoyed fishing with her late husband. She will be sadly missed by her dear, close friends.

Mrs. Jost is survived by two sisters, Marion Gladfelter of South Hampton and Elizabeth Liss of Vineland; one brother, Jack Stetler and wife Elaine of Las Vegas; and nine nieces and nephews. Blanche was predeceased by her husband, Carl R. Jost, in 1999; and her daughter, Constance Jost, in 1998.

A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Church, Myrtle Street and Landis Ave, Vineland, with interment to follow in Chestnut Grove

Cemetery in Elmer. Visiting hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wainwright-Bernhardt Funeral Home, 1024 E. Landis Ave., Vineland.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Acquisition Fund for the Museum of American Glass c/o Wheaton Village, 1501 Glasstown Road, Millville, NJ 08332.

Condolences to the family may be emailed to wbfuneralhome@comcast.net.