Macomber, Wanda

Wanda Wilson Macomber, 74, of Lower Allen Township, Pa., a recognized area painter, died of metastatic breast cancer Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, in Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pa., near Harrisburg. She was born Feb. 14, 1927, in Ubly, daughter of the late Frank and Pearl Wilson of Ubly. Frank Wilson was a founder of Thumb Electric Cooperative and its first president. Wanda and her sister Ruth turned the control wheel to start the generators at the dedication of the Ubly plant on June 18, 1938. She was a graduate of Ubly High School and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Art Association of Harrisburg. She studied at the former Pittsburgh Art Alliance and her work was juried in to numerous exhibitions in the mid-Atlantic region, and her paintings are in public and private collections statewide. She was the recipient of many regional and statewide awards for shows at the Museum of Pennsylvania, the Art Association of Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg Art Center and the former Doshi Center. Surviving are her husband, Victor Macomber of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; a son, Dwight Macomber of Devon, Pa.; a daughter, Gay Lewis of Steelton, Pa.; a brother, James Wilson of Cave Creek, Ariz.; and a sister, Ruth Phillips of Peoria, Ariz. Memorial services took place on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at Grace United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 216 State St., Harrisburg, PA 17101-1188, or to the American Cancer Society (memo: breast cancer research) 1500 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17102. Myers Funeral Home in Mechanicsburg handled funeral arrangements.