

Adelaide Salvo
Annual Message 2008

Adelaide Salvo-what can I say about a woman who was like a second mother to me during my teenage summers? She was first and foremost a lady, a diplomat and a dedicated mother and wife. She loved animals and was generous to individuals in need. Travel, reading and painting gave her great pleasure. When her husband passed away a few years ago, Adelaide was grief-stricken, but she secretly confided in me that the dog would now be allowed upstairs and in bed with her, something Santo pointedly forbid. Adelaide had the great gift of making the best of tragic situations.

The Salvos always had the best parties of the year — parties where everyone felt welcome — family parties. I think these get-togethers are in many ways why I enjoy entertaining and gathering diverse groups of people to enjoy each other's company. Their daughter Faith and I paddled and sailed Union Lake many a summer. But no one paddled a canoe like Uncle Santo and Aunt Adelaide; their j-stroke was pure poetry in motion. For those of you who are unfamiliar, the paddle never leaves the water and when executed correctly it results in a flawlessly smooth forward progression. They would effortlessly pass Faith and me to our sheer amazement and frustration as we beat the water madly to catch up. In her final years Aunt Adelaide went through so much suffering and pain but she handled it with the same grace that she and Uncle Santo handled their canoe. Today, I simply choose to envision them gliding through some great cosmos together with Uncle Santo saying, "Now Adelaide – you must ..." and her replying with her usual poise, her knowing smile and a pleasant, "Yes Santo," and finally both of them being quite content just to be once again in each other's company.

We send our sincerest condolences to the Salvos' four children, Kemble, Nona, Faith, and Jonathan and their families.

Newspaper Obituary
ADELAIDE K. SALVO, 87
Elder with First Presbyterian Church on Maurice River

Adelaide K. Salvo, 87, of Millville and Hutchison Island, Fla., died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, after a lengthy illness.

She was the daughter of the late Arthur Roland and Mary Kemble Slade. Born in Millville, Mrs. Salvo was a graduate of Millville High School and attended Ursinus College and the Traphagen School of Design. She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church on Maurice River, where she served as an elder. Mrs. Salvo was an active volunteer for many years, serving as the home service chairman of the Red Cross during World War II. She was also the local chair of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Daisy Day Drive, a board member of the Homemakers Association and volunteered at the Millville Hospital. In addition, she was a member of the Millville Woman's Club and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a talented oil painter and world traveler. She enjoyed fishing and reading, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by two sons, S. Kemble Salvo and wife Harriet of Millville, and Jonathan Salvo and wife Andrea of Millville; two daughters, Nona Mullen and husband Peter of Highlands, and Faith Salvo Schlissel and husband Stephen of Lancaster, Pa.; and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Santo Salvo; and their daughter, Lisa.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church, 119 N. 2nd St., Millville. There will be a viewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Christy Funeral Home, 11 W. Broad St., Millville before the service.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Millville.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions to the Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville, NJ 08332, and the Cumberland County SPCA, 1244 N. Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360.