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Gretna Davis Paul, of Dunwoody Village, Newtown Square died Dec. 15 of pancreatic cancer. She was the wife of John T. Paul and the late James W. McKeighan, Jr.

Born in Bryn Mawr, she had also lived in Penn Wynne and Havertown, before moving to Newtown Square with her first husband in the early 1980s.

An active community volunteer, she had worked on local blood drives for the American Red Cross for many years and served her church, Newtown Square Presbyterian, as a Deacon, member of the Sacristy Guild, Counter, and Circle Member.

For several years, she volunteered making packaged dinners for Aid for Friends at her church.

Mrs. Paul was also active in the Newtown Square Women's Club and had served on the Resident's Board at Dunwoody Village and enjoyed working on their annual Holiday Bazaar. She was secretary for her Lower Merion High School reunion committee, class of 1943.

In the 1960s, she and a friend, decided to take a seasonal job at B. Altman & Co. in St. David's. She so enjoyed the work and the camaraderie of her coworkers that she stayed until the store ceased operations in the 1980s.

Her first husband, James W. McKeighan, Jr. died suddenly in 1986. At a picnic of the Ardmore Optimist Club, she was reintroduced to John T. Paul, then of Bryn Mawr. Mr. Paul remembered her from their youth at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where he ushered and often saved her a seat. Since he was her senior by eleven years then, her parents would not allow them to date. In 1990, they married in the first service in the newly remodeled Newtown Square Church. Their seventeen year marriage allowed them to travel extensively and to spend winter

vacations in Sarasota, FL.

In addition to her husband, John T. Paul, she is survived by her sons, James McKeighan, III of East Coventry, David McKeighan of West Chester, and Robert McKeighan of Newtown Square; a stepson, John T. Paul, Jr. (Maya) of MD; her sister, Lois Kelley of Lafayette Hill; seven grandchildren; and two great grandsons.

The funeral service was Dec. 22 at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church, Rte. 252 and Goshen Rd., Newtown Square, PA 19073. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1615 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA 19382, or Newtown Square Presbyterian Church at the above address, would be appreciated.

Arrangements were by Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home.

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