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Margarette Wall Yeldell Morehead, 77 years of age and a long-time resident of the Allison Hill District, passed away Sunday, July 21st. She was highly-regarded and well-respected in the community for her long career in public health and was known to many lovingly as “Grandma.”

Margarette relocated from her hometown of Stoneville, NC, to Harrisburg in 1979. She immediately began working at the Hamilton Health Center and initially became familiar to many of the city’s residents as a Licensed Practical Nurse at that facility. Her career spanned the Hamilton Health Center and the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging where she successfully retired as a Caseworker after 20 years of service to only unretire and resume her career at the Woodside Center for Female Ex-Offenders. She ended her career officially after working at Shalom House, a local not-for-profit shelter for women and children survivors of domestic violence.

While working at Woodside, Margarette was also a House Parent at the Milton Hershey School. Her patience and compassion were so renowned professionally that she was a valued Foster Parent for the Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth Agency and officially fostered 13

children. Many of these children were emergency placements due to abuse, neglect and domestic violence. In January 2008, she was honored by the Clorox-Lysol Corporation in Essence Magazine and was featured in the "Salute to Powerful Women." Her personal manifesto as expressed in that advertorial was, "If you can guide one child, you have done a miracle."

Margarette's honors also included the 2001 "Most Valuable Parent" Award for perfect attendance at home games for both the boys and girls basketball teams from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children (SSVC) where her beloved grandchildren were enrolled. In 2009, she had the distinction of being dubbed the "Official Grandma" to the entire final graduating class of SSVC.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Ada Wall; siblings, Thomas, Marvin, Lacey and Emma Jane Wall. She was widowed twice by Robert E. Lee Yeldell of Edgefield, SC, and Wilbert Morehead of Eden, NC. Surviving to cherish fond memories are her daughters, Robin Yeldell Bryant of Harrisburg, Renee Foster of Kew Gardens Queens, NY, and Regina Dore of Harlem, NY; adopted daughter, Martha Meadows; her grandchildren, Justin and Al'Lestin Bryant; her only great granddaughter, Justice Bryant; along with a host of unofficial grandchildren, extended family, friends and colleagues. Service will be held at 12 Noon, Tuesday, July 30th, at Wallace Funeral Directors, 106 Agnes St., Harrisburg, with viewing from 11 a.m. to Noon.