Jean Truxal Martin died on May 18, 2011 in her sleep at home in Kennett Square, PA from complications of Crohn's disease, diabetes, and cancer. She was in her 80th year.

She was born and raised in Lancaster, daughter of John and Edith Truxal. She graduated from McCaskey High School and Penn State University, with a major in Education and French Language.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Aaron J. Martin; their son Mark Martin and his wife Kathy of Hockessin; two grandchildren Taryn and Cody Martin; one brother, Jacob Truxal and his wife Carol of Lancaster and one sister Joan Ellis and her husband Thorpe of Ocean View, DE.

Her passions were her family, home, cat, photography, community and piano music. She volunteered for the Red Cross for 30 years. She encouraged and supported her husband in many community activities, and was happy with some monuments they created such as the Jean and Aaron Martin Science Library at Franklin and Marshall College, the gymnasium at the YMCA, the Anson B. Nixon Park, and genealogic research on ancestors.

Her graveside service will be held at the convenience of her family in the Conestoga Memorial Park in Lancaster. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please send donations to Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation, 367 East Street Road, Trevose, PA 19053-7711.

Aaron J. Martin Ph.D. died on August 9, 2021 at age 93 in The Summit assisted-living facility.

He is survived by his son, Mark (Kathy) and grandchildren, Taryn (Matthew) and Cody (Isen). His wife of 59 years, formerly Jean Truxal, predeceased him in 2011.

Born in Lancaster, PA, Aaron was the youngest of five children raised by Rev. John H. and Barbara W. Martin. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1950 with a BS in chemistry, then attained a PhD in analytical chemistry from Pennsylvania State University in 1953. After working at the DuPont Company Experimental Station for five years, he left to found, along with Frank Martinez and Eugene Bennett, F&M Scientific Corporation; specializing in the design and manufacture of analytical instruments known as gas chromatographs.

While engaged in many philanthropic activities, the biggest donations of Aaron’s time and money went to Franklin and Marshall College, Messiah College, Chester County Community Foundation, YMCA of Brandywine Valley, and the Kennett Library. He also funded the startup and development of many small businesses.

He enjoyed music, reading, woodworking, science, good conversation, and playing bridge with his friends in the Nine Man Bridge Club. Aaron also took great pleasure in meeting with his friends every morning for coffee and conversation.

All are welcome to join the Martin family in celebrating Aaron Martin’s life on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Hartefeld National, 1 Hartefeld Drive Avondale, PA 19311 from 11 AM to 3 PM. If interested in attending, please email aaronmartinmemorial@gmail.com.