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GIRL SCOUTS IN THE HEART OF PENNSYLVANIA MOURNS THE LOSS OF A LIFETIME GIRL SCOUT

August 6, 2009 (Wilkes-Barre, PA) – Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania has lost a pioneer to the Girl Scout movement. Virginia Denn of Wilkes-Barre, PA passed away Tuesday, August 4 at the age of 81. Denn did not die from any disease or suffer long. Rather the doctor said her body just “ran out of gas.”



Ginny, as she was known to friends and family, joined Girl Scouts when she was 10 years old and made a career in Girl Scouting, serving professionally since 1953. Denn served as an administrative director for Girl Scouts of America her entire working career.

Denn remained an active member of Girl Scouts up until her brief illness. Most recently, she served as a keynote speaker for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania’s Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event in May at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.

She stayed very active physically as well in her later years, hiking, camping, and even mountain climbing. In a interview with a local newspaper last year, Denn said she hadn’t been mountain climbing in almost eight years, not because of her age or energy level, but because she couldn’t find anyone to go with her. It seems fitting that her body will be cremated and her ashes scattered on a mountain. For privacy purposes, the family will not reveal the exact location.

A memorial service and funeral arrangements will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Firwood Methodist Church, 399 Old River Rd., Wilkes-Barre.

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania serves 27,000 girls in 30 counties. To learn more about Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, please visit www.gshpa.org.