

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 93 Space: B2

Find A Grave # 130275726

Name: **Hart, Floyd Thomas**

Birth date: July 29, 1895 Death date: June 12, 1987 Burial Date: June 15, 1987 Age: 91  
b. Needmore, PA

Spouse: Emily Jane *Nightingale* Hart (1911-1990)

Children: Nancy Palmer Hart (1943-2008) and Suzanne *Hart* Biter

Parents: William Franklin Hart (1853-1910) and Frances *Palmer* Hart (1860-1944)

Siblings: Esta Ruth *Hart* Cunningham (1891-1977); Katherine Palmer *Hart* Park (1898-1997)  
1951



Floyd + Emily

Residence: Woods Edge Rd, Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Cremains; see next page

Service/occupation information: Army Veteran, WW I ; Music teacher and Director of Music, DE department of Public Instruction

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Floyd and Emily Hart, A & B; June 11, 1964

Marker: Plaque on wall facing south, shared with wife

Inscription:

In Loving Memory of  
Floyd T. Hart  
July 29, 1895 June 12, 1987  
Emily N. Hart  
Aug 2, 1911 April 22, 1990

DIMENSIONS: H 0 x W 24" x W 12"

STYLE: Plaque on wall

No repairs needed



Inventory date: March 30, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

# Floyd T. Hart; developed Delaware music program

DOVER — Floyd T. Hart, former director of music education in Delaware, died Friday of cancer at home. He was 91.

Mr. Hart, of 538 Woodsedge Road, was director of music for the Department of Public Instruction for 24 years.

From 1946 until retiring in 1970, he guided the growth of public school music from rural music education with a handful of teachers and assistants, to a comprehensive music program with some 200 teacher-specialists.

He was especially proud of the Delaware Music Camp, which he helped to develop, and the All-State Choruses, Bands, and Orchestras.

From 1924 to 1946, Mr. Hart was supervisor of music in the West Chester, Pa., public schools. He made a nationwide stir in 1942 when he developed an elective course, "Music Analysis," using popular music of the "swing" era. Delaware's outgoing supervisor of music, Glenn Gildersleeve, was impressed, and invited Mr. Hart to introduce his controversial approach to Delaware's music teachers.

Mr. Hart taught all band and orchestra instruments, voice classes and conducted choral groups. He was a regular contributor on the subject of music education to both professional and lay magazines.

He was honored in 1985 by the Delaware Music Educators Association. He was a former president of the Delaware Retired Teachers Association and past editor of the organization's newsletter.

In 1959, Mr. Hart was appointed by Gov. J. Caleb Boggs as chairman of a committee designed to organize a statewide competition for a fourth stanza of "Our Delaware." He was instrumental in getting it introduced as the state song in the 120th General Assembly.

A native of Needmore, Pa., he graduated in 1921 from the State Normal School in West Chester, now West Chester University, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University. In 1977, he received a meritorious service award from the West Chester University alumni.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, serving in the band.

He is survived by his wife, Emily N.; two daughters, Suzanne Hart Biter of Boulder, Colo., and Nancy Palmer Hart of Dover; a sister, Katherine Park of Silver Spring, Md.; and three granddaughters.

Memorial services will be at noon Monday in Christ Episcopal Church, South State and Water streets, Dover. Burial will be private.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice Inc., Dover.

Army Service Card, retrieved from ancestry.com on November 17, 2020

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Hart Floyd T 2,708,880 \*White \*Colored.

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Needmore Fulton PENNSYLVANIA

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\*Inducted at McConnellsburg Pa on Apr 28 1918

Place of birth: Needmore Pa Age or date of birth: July 29/1895

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

155 Dep Brig to disch

Grades, with date of appointment:

Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † No to † from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization Dec 16/18, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

APPLICATION NO. 284654 APPROVED

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. \*Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.