



Dorothy E. Bowman

June 2, 1919 - August 4, 2016

Dorothy Reinthaler Bowman passed away at the age of 97 on Thursday, August 4, 2016. She was a gentle woman known for her quick wit, kind heart, and joyful nature. She was the daughter of Mabel Arnold of Lebanon and Josef Reinthaler, an immigrant from Austria, and the granddaughter of Vincent and Ida Arnold of Lebanon and Rudolf and Theresa Reinthaler of Muhlheim am Inn, Austria. Orphaned at the age of one year, she was lovingly raised with her sister Marion Zoll by their maternal grandmother Ida Hower Arnold Shilling and her husband Robert "Pappy" Shilling. Through their efforts she maintained a relationship with her Austrian relatives who she visited in later years.

Dorothy and her late husband Patrick Bowman were married for 78 years and were the proud parents of five children; Gail (Joseph) Lombardo of Lancaster, Scott of Oregon, Ann (Joseph Bering Jr) of Montoursville, John (Sharon Martin) of Akron, Kathleen (Rick) Wyerman of Doylestown) and 7 grandchildren; Joseph Bering, Patrick Bering (Amanda Tauber), Katherine Bering (Brian Murray), Theresa Bering, Christina Bowman, Max Wyerman, Ian Wyerman; and 2 greatgrandchildren Elizabeth Murray and Eleanor Murray. Dorothy and Patrick enjoyed living in Mt. Gretna Campmeeting for 60 years, raising their children there and spending time with family and socializing with their many close friends. They were members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cornwall.

Dorothy did her part in the war effort working for years at the Lebanon Steel Foundry. She was known for her holiday meals with festively set tables, taking long walks in Gretna, quietly doing kind deeds for many, and in later years spending hours on the porch in Gretna feeding the chipmunks and visiting with passersby. She enjoyed playing (and winning) games with her grandchildren.

The family is grateful to many kind friends, old and more recent. We would like to thank all those who cared for her and nourished her body and spirit. We give special thanks to her physicians and their staff: especially Dr. Erich Batra, Dr. Mark Glick, and Dr. Joseph Bering as well as the Good Samaritan Hospital and her visitors from Sacred Heart Church. We deeply appreciate the incredibly special care given by everyone at Elmcroft of Lebanon. We thank Hospice for all Seasons for caring for her in her last months.

Donations are not necessary but are welcome to either Sacred Heart Church or the Mt. Gretna Fire Company.

There will be a visitation at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Cornwall on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served in the church social hall afterward.

Comments



“ Rest in peace Dottie . I'm going to miss you .

Janet - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A classy lady who I was proud to have as a grandmother, she was a model of grace, kindness, and joy.

Katie Murray - Drexel Hill, PA - August 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ August 11th,2016Dear families!Your mother,my Cousin,was a wonderful Person!So many years we have been in contact,wrote letter,phoned together and at least we visited together relatives in Austria and in the US.Pleasant memories will be in our hearts forever!God bless her Soul!Requiescat in pace!Cousin George from Austria,Europe

A friend - August 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I have not forgot the kindness of the family.Reginald W. Cummings,Jr. Reggie!

- WOMELSDORF, PA - August 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear cousins and families,Your sweet mother was a gentle, soft- spoken lady. She always put her family first. It seemed to me that conversations with her always yielded her quiet but certain wisdom. I have pleasant memories of happier times at family get togethers. God's peace and grace be with all of you.Lovingly,Cousin Barbara

Barbara Yorlets - New Oxford, PA - August 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Rick sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. God bless you and your family at this sad time. May she rest in peace. Rodney

Rodney Degler - Mohnton, PA - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM