



Alice Mikus Underwood

November 28, 1917 - June 26, 2012

Alice Mikus Underwood, 94, formerly of Bridge Street, Towanda, PA passed away Tuesday evening, June 26, 2012 at the Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre, PA. She had been a resident of St. Therese Residence in Wilkes-Barre since moving there in 2007.

Alice was born in Houghton, MI on November 28, 1917 the daughter of Fredrick C. Runge Jr. and Harriet Ruelle Runge. She was a graduate of Michigan Tech where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. When she enrolled there were only 20 women on campus and she accepted the challenge being the first in chemistry. While a student at Michigan Tech, Alice participated in the archery club, the choir, rifle club and sang in operettas. Alice was the first woman in Michigan to be honored by Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering fraternity, one of few women in the nation. She was elected to Iota Sigma Pi a national honorary chemical sorority and served as President of Theta Chi Epsilon.

Alice was studying for her Master's Degree at Iowa State University when she met and married Felix "Mike" Mikus in 1945. In early years, Alice worked as a chemist at Pittsburg Plate Glass in Corpus Christi, TX while living in Kingsville, TX and served as a substitute teacher in Schenectady, NY for a time. In 1959, Alice and Mike moved to Towanda to make their home. Alice taught mathematics at Northeast Bradford High School from 1960-62 and in 1963

became employed by the analytical lab at GTE Sylvania. In 1970, Alice accepted the position as supervisor of library services at GTE until her retirement in 1983.

Alice was active in community and civic affairs have served on Towanda Borough Council from 1979-1985 and as council president from 1984 -1985. Alice participated in the Towanda Area Outreach Program, volunteered at the Towanda Public Library and served as Meals on Wheels driver. Along with another Rotarian wife, Alice was instrumental in the formation of the Rotary Anns to support Rotary. She served on many committees at the district level and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1982, only the third person in Towanda to receive this honor. Alice and Mike also hosted many exchange students over the years. Alice was a devoted communicant of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Towanda where she served as a Catholic Youth Organization advisor, member of the choir, certified liturgical music director and as a member of the music, liturgy and planning commissions.

Surviving are:

Her children,

Mary Therese (Guy) Higgins of Lafayette, CO

Elizabeth (Chuck) Borresen of Apple Valley, MN

Rita Loughman of Throop, PA

Monica (Ray) Berger of Moneta, VA

8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Felix "Mike" Mikus in 1994 and William Underwood Jr. in 2003 and by a grandson, Matthew Berger.

The family will receive friends Monday, July 2, 2012 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at

the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA followed by a mass of Christian burial at 2 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, PA.

Interment will follow in SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, N. Towanda, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions may be directed to the association of Marian Helpers, Father Joseph, MIC, PO Box 4, Stockbridge, MA 01263. The web address is www.marian.org. Acknowledgements can be sent to: Beth Borresen, 13140 Fordham Ct., Apple Valley, MN 55124-5312.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Mikus Underwood*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Alice Mikus Underwood*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Alice Mikus Underwood*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Alice Mikus Underwood*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Alice Mikus Underwood*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Rose Keefe lit a candle in memory of Alice Mikus Underwood*



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Wonderful Lady. Fond memories of Pastoral Outreach.

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