



Alma Goodwin Josbena

March 21, 1919 - December 17, 2016

Alma Goodwin Josbena, 97, highly regarded resident of Towanda, PA passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Schmeckenbecher Personal Care Home in Towanda Township, PA.

Alma was born in East Towanda, PA on March 21, 1919 the daughter of Archie and Frances Allen Goodwin. She was a graduate of Towanda High School Class of 1938 and in early years was employed by the Myrna Lee Hosiery Mill in Towanda. Alma worked for Sam Epstein at The Hub Store in Towanda and was employed by the Social Security Administration in Towanda for a number of years. She was later associated with Myrna and Marge Kreisher at The Tree Stump and Craft Corner in Towanda until her retirement. Alma was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church in Towanda for 83 years having joined the church in 1933. She served as a Sunday school teacher and was a member of the church prayer circle, United Methodist Women, Critchlow Friendship Circle and My Brother's Keepers Ugly Quilt Group. Alma was a dedicated supporter of community and civic affairs having served as a former Girl Scout and Cub Scout Leader and volunteer for the American Red Cross, Reach to Recovery Program, Meals on Wheels, Relay for Life, and the Outstanding Young Woman Program. She was a member of the Towanda Garden Club and served as Judge of Elections in Towanda's First Ward for many years.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne Carlson and husband James of Blossburg, PA, son, Manuel A. Josbena of Elmira, NY, daughter-in-

law, Donna Josbena of Springfield, PA, grandchildren; Isaac Josbena, Erika (Austin) VanDeVyvere, Nathan Josbena, Matthew Josbena, Sarah (Tim) Murray, Rachel Carlson, Angela Josbena, Evelyn (Megan) Josbena and Brandon Carlson, great grandson, Brady VanDeVyvere, her sister, Barbara Yanofsky of Scottsdale, AZ as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Emanuel Josbena in 1971, her son, Michael A. Josbena in 2015, great granddaughter, Mariah Josbena, sister, Marjorie Aten and brothers, Archie, Donald, Jack and Walter Goodwin. The funeral service will be held Friday, December 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with Chaplain Richard Davis of Guthrie Hospice officiating. The family will receive friends from 12 to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the First United Methodist Church, 105 Main St. Towanda, PA 18848 in Alma's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
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Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alma Goodwin Josbena*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Alma Goodwin Josbena*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Alma Goodwin Josbena*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Alma Goodwin Josbena*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Alma Goodwin Josbena*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Good memories...Shalom Saad...Haril DiAna Donna
DouGlas...Sion's Kingdom Come*

DiAna Donna DouGlas - December 23, 2016 at 01:09 PM

CS

“ Charles And Christine Shearer lit a candle in memory of Alma Goodwin Josbena



Charles and Christine Shearer - December 22, 2016 at 07:57 AM

PW

“ Dear family of Alma, My husband John and I want to express our deepest sympathy to each of you on the occasion of your mother's death. I, Pat was blessed to get to know Alma from 1995 to 2000 through the FUMC in Towanda. Your mom was such an inspiration to me in my faith and with just the nitty gritty of everyday life. She was so much fun to be with and we always found something to laugh about! I will not forget her but carry her sunshine with me in my heart! I am a better person for being friends with your mom! Blessings to all of you and God's comfort and peace. John and Pat Warneke.

Pat Warneke - December 21, 2016 at 07:38 PM

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Pat Warneke - December 21, 2016 at 07:33 PM

YF

“ *Your Journey Center Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Alma Goodwin Josbena.*



Your Journey Center Family - December 20, 2016 at 03:18 PM

CD

“ *Dear Family and Many Friends,
I truly believe I met a living saint last Friday afternoon, when I had the honor of ministering to Alma during her last hours here on Earth. She and I bonded spiritually moments after I arrived. I cannot explain this to anyone who has not experienced the Spirit of the indwelling Christ, and how all those who do , partake of that One Spirit, and therefore are One in Him.
She had many good works to her credit, but she knew that the ONE necessary work , which is the work of God, (St. John 6: 29) was to believe on, and trust in, the Precious Lord Jesus Christ, and not on anything she had accomplished.
Thank you , Alma, for your life and spiritual beauty.*

*Chaplain Richard
Guthrie Hospice*

Chaplain Richard Davis - December 20, 2016 at 10:28 AM

JH

“ Dear Jeanne and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Alma was a such a good person, close friend and volunteer for the ARC for me. What a Lady! Was always so friendly, thoughtful, and willing to help in any way possible. She will be sorely missed by everyone and the community has lost a statue per say. I will be unable to attend the services but please accept my sincere condolences and know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of the Josbena family.

*May God Bless,
Joyce Hinkson*

Joyce Hinkson - December 20, 2016 at 07:35 AM

BA

“ Aunt Alma was always the game organizer at family picnics. I remember peanut-on-a-spoon relays and sack races. She made great lasagna. In her last years, I enjoyed long talks on the phone which included recounting memories of her life with her brothers and sisters and lots of quotes from her mother, our Grandma Goodwin. She was always strong in her faith and wanted to share that with others. Her church, family and friends meant everything to her. I was constantly amazed at her energy level. She was the older sister who helped raise her younger siblings when our Grandma Goodwin was widowed with seven children and I will always especially appreciate her for that.

Bonnie Aten - December 19, 2016 at 08:32 PM

CP

“ *Manny, Isaac, Nate, Evie, and Angie,*

I am truly sorry for your loss. I remember your Mother and Grandmother as being very sweet and extremely loving. She had a great sense of humor. She was so proud of all of you and you could see the love in her eyes each time she looked at you. I am sending my love and prayers.

*Love,
Connie Palmatier*

Connie Palmatier - December 19, 2016 at 11:07 AM

BB

“ *My sympathy to all of the Josbena family. I met Alma when I became a member of the Towanda Women's Club. She was an active, supportive member and friend to me. Thank You Alma.
Barbara Branish*

Barbara Branish - December 19, 2016 at 09:48 AM

PK

“ *Paul and I are so sad to hear about the passing of your Mom. She as so much part of our life when we first got married. She gave so much of her life helping everyone and she will be sorely missed by all. We will keep you all in our prayers.*

*Respectfully,
Paul & Marge Kreischer*

Paul and Marge Kreischer - December 19, 2016 at 07:50 AM