



## Barbara Elizabeth Thurston

January 8, 1921 - August 13, 2012

Barbara Elizabeth Thurston, 91, of the Page Manor, 502 Church St. Athens, PA passed on to Glory at the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA on Monday, August 13, 2012 with her family at her bedside. Barbara Elizabeth Shores was born January 8, 1921 the daughter of Pothier and Mable Jennings Shores at Black in Sheshequin Township, PA. Barbara graduated from Towanda High School in 1940 and was employed by Sylvania Electric during the Second World War period. On May 17, 1952 she married the love of her life, Owen Thurston at the Union Corners Methodist Church. Barbara was an accomplished seamstress and quilter. Barbara was Owen's helpmate in the founding of Athens Equipment Company. She will be remembered as a lady of great faith with a servant's heart. Barbara was widowed in 1974 with children nine and eleven years old two years after their home and business was flooded in 1972. She continued to run Athens Equipment Company for two years, witnessed another flood of their property in 1975 and in the flood in September of 2011 lost everything in their home in Athens. She continued to keep her faith in God with a grateful heart that things were not worse. Barbara was a member of the Athens Presbyterian Church since 1952 where she taught Sunday school for children in earlier years. She enjoyed making pirogues' during her 90th year for the church's annual pirogues' sale and was looking forward to dipping the mashed potatoes again this fall.

Surviving are:

Her children, Sandra Thurston of Athens and Joseph Thurston and his wife Ellen Thurston of Sayre  
grandsons, Matt and Cody and great grandchildren Madilynne and Aiden  
brother and sister-in-law, Norman R. and Glenda Shores of Towanda  
sister-in-law, Jeannine Rockwell Thurston of Sayre  
several nieces, nephews and cousins and many friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Athens, PA with the funeral service to follow at noon at the church. Officiating will be Rev. Nelson Kopatz, pastor. Interment will follow in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens.

Contributions may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 622 S. Main St. Athens, Pa 18810 in Barbara's memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting the website of [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street  
Athens, PA 18810

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
622 South Main Street  
Athens, PA 18810

## Service

AUG 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Elizabeth Thurston*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Barbara Elizabeth Thurston*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Barbara Elizabeth Thurston*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Barbara Elizabeth Thurston*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Barbara Elizabeth Thurston*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Joe and Ellen, so very sorry to read of your moms passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you, may god bless you all!*

**Jamie Parkhurst** - August 19, 2012 at 06:45 AM