



Bernice Berry Landmesser

May 11, 1931 - August 13, 2020

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“Well done, thou good and faithful servant....Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 24:21” Bernice Berry Landmesser, of Monroeton, PA, passed away, Thursday, August 13, 2020, at the Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA. Born May 11, 1931 in Owl Hollow, Windham Twp, PA, she was the youngest daughter of Viola C. Wiggins Berry and Harland (Pat) Rufus Berry. Bernice, or Bernie as she was known by friends and relatives, graduated from Towanda High School with the class of 1949. She met the love of her life, John E. Landmesser, while they were lining up for their senior class picture. Part of their courtship was through letters exchanged while John served with the US Marine Corp in Korea. They were married on February 14, 1953. Bernie was employed with the Department of Public Welfare in Towanda for 27 ½ years, she retired 12/20/1985. After retirement she and husband John spent many winters in Florida. Bernie and John were avid campers with the French Choppers camping club and spent vacations camping with their family on trips from Canada to Florida. Gardening of all types was a favorite pastime for Bernie, canning and freezing foods for the winter was a must! Bernie was a woman of deep faith and loved to help others. Throughout her life, she was an active member of the United Methodist Church, and most recently was a member of the Monroeton congregation. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at Powell, Towanda and North Towanda. She participated in United Methodists Women’s groups, the Towanda UMC

Critchlow Sunday School class, and served as a coordinator for the Towanda Mission Central Hub. She loved working with groups to prepared flood cleanup kits, health kits, birthing kits and school supplies tote bags to be distributed locally and around the world.

When Bernie joined an organization, she followed through with serving in various capacities, often as secretary, program coordinator or devotions leader. She was active in PARSE (Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees) and the Towanda Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.). She was always ready to peel potatoes, bake pies or wash dishes for dinners for family, friends and community. Over the years she and John enjoyed playing cards with friends. She was an excellent seamstress and made clothes and did alterations for family and friends. She enjoyed quilting in her retirement years.

She was very involved with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to host a table at the O.E.S. annual holiday tea and was just thrilled when her great granddaughters were able to join her table. A country girl at heart, Bernie really enjoyed family picnics, weekends on Seneca Lake and Sunday hikes and hotdog roasts on Barclay Mountain. Fond memories of her willingness to help and her ready smile will be cherished by family and friends.

Bernie was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Melvin and James, sisters Greta, Sara Jane, Junia, T. Grace and Hilda.

In addition to her husband, John, she is survived by, son, David J. (Sue) Landmesser of Towanda, daughters, Nancy Sarver of Dresden, NY, and Susan (Rick) Rossetti of Largo, FL, brothers Gordon Berry of Clearwater, FL and G. Dale Berry of Towanda. She is also survived by granddaughters Jenifer Landmesser Johnson (Matthew), Sara Landmesser Brown (Joshua), Gilyan Barrett Buxton (Mike) and grandson Jacob Barrett. Bernie had two great granddaughters, Marlee Grace and Emilee Rose Johnson. She was anticipating the arrival of a third great granddaughter, Lizzie Sue Buxton, in December 2020.

Calling hours will be from 1-2 PM on Sunday, August 23,2020 with a memorial service to follow at 2PM at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave, Towanda, PA 18848. Please observe COVID-19 safety guidelines when attending the service. Officiating the service will be Pastor Kathleen Keller. Burial will follow at the Standing Stone Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Bernice's name, to the Monroeton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 3, Monroeton, PA 18832, the Monroeton Public Library, P.O. Box 145, Monroeton, PA 18832, the Towanda Area Christian Outreach (TACO) Food Pantry, P.O. Box 463, Wysox, PA 18854, or other charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Standing Stone Cemetery

Standing Stone Twp., PA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
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Service

AUG 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Berry Landmesser*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Bernice Berry Landmesser*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Bernice Berry Landmesser*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Bernice Berry Landmesser*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Bernice Berry Landmesser*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

NB

“ John, David, Nancy and families,
I'm so sad to hear of Bernies passing. I always enjoyed our conversations and shared times at Church and other gatherings.(Ice cream social). Bernie always kept me up to date with Gordons health and what was happening with him. Such a sweet,loving lady.Bernie will be missed.

Nancy Brown

Nancy Brown - August 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM

KL

“ To Nancy and your dad a belated condolence. Always remember those virtues that she taught you while you were growing up.

Kathy LeStrange - August 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM

MW

“ We send our heartfelt condolences to all of Bernice's family. We pray you will find comfort knowing she is safely in heaven with her loving God and the struggles of these past few months are over. She left a beautiful legacy of deep faith, love, gentleness and kindness for her family to cherish.
We have such fond memories of Bernie's sweet smile and her friendliness. She was always so eage to hug and connect with us every time she and John visited Nancy at the lake. We will always remember her delicious desserts that she so willingly invited us to indulge in. Such a gift she had in preparing goodies for all to enjoy!!
We will hold dear to these memories.
We pray you will find comfort and strength knowing you are in our hearts.

Love and Prayers,
Mike and Kathy Williams

Mike and Kathy Williams - August 21, 2020 at 03:39 PM

KC

“ Ken and Ellen Campbell purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Bernice Berry Landmesser.



Ken and Ellen Campbell - August 21, 2020 at 07:44 AM

CB

“ to all of Bernice's Family she was such a sweet lady, always concerned about others, i used to see her & her husband at Wysox at the church dinners. Love & Prayers. Carolyn Bixby

Carolyn Bixby - August 20, 2020 at 09:39 PM

BM

“ Nancy, I was very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a lovely lady. I always enjoyed seeing her sweet smile. Bonna McMahon



Bonna McMahon - August 20, 2020 at 09:05 PM

JC

“ Jane Crumlish purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Bernice Berry Landmesser.



Jane Crumlish - August 20, 2020 at 05:58 PM

JN

“ Please know I share your sorrow learning of Bernie's death, but I rejoice in the life she lived. I knew her through the Towanda Mission Central HUB where she served faithfully. She has been such a blessing to many!! Remember that the greatest gift we can give to those who have left us is to live fully in their place. May God's peace be with you,
Jean Norris, Mission Central HUB Committee Chair

Jean T Norris - August 20, 2020 at 04:42 PM

DW

“ My late parents, Jean and Clarence (Jim) Landmesser were so fond of Bernie and John and when I was a youngster we spent many happy hours at those picnics and other family gatherings. Our condolences to John and the family.
Doris Landmesser Walsh, Ithaca, NY

Doris Walsh - August 20, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ John, Dave, and family--I;m so sorry for your loss. I interacted with Bernie for many years when she worked for DPA. I and all the employees at the Social Security office thought a lot of her. My thoughts are with you all.

Sally Stempel Cochrane
Orlando, Flproda

Sara Cochrane - August 20, 2020 at 10:25 AM

RS

“ *John, thinking of you as Bernie has passed and sending my sincere sympathy. May God bless you and your family during this very difficult time. It's a real nice picture of her. In sorrow, Ruth Squires*

Ruth Squires - August 19, 2020 at 06:20 PM