



Catherine Messersmith Young

April 12, 1922 - January 21, 2017

On January 21, 2017, Catherine Marcella Messersmith Young went to heaven to be with her Lord and where she was greeted by her husband, Sterling, and son, Merle. Catherine was born April 12, 1922, in Overton, PA. Her parents were Mary Ursula and Harold Messersmith. Catherine attended New Albany School. She also received LPN training at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Catherine liked to brag that THE Dr. Donald Guthrie removed her appendix while she was in LPN training. Catherine worked at Mills Hospital in Towanda, PA, where she met the love of her life, Sterling, while he was a patient there.

Catherine and Sterling married on December 30, 1944. They made their home in Towanda, where they raised two sons, S. Gerald (Jerry) and Merle.

Catherine ran a daycare out of her home on Poplar Street in Towanda for many decades, where she cared for over 100 children, many of whom she kept in contact with until her last days. Catherine and Sterling loved to travel and visited South America, Germany and all over the United States during their time together

Catherine loved her family deeply and loved spending time with her family. She had the unique ability to love every person she met—life-long and new friends, the doctors and nurses caring for her, and the children she cared for. Catherine was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda, a lifetime member of the Towanda Fire Department, a member of the North Towanda Fire and Rescue Volunteers. In the 1980s, Catherine and Sterling

were active members of the Pennsylvania State Fire Prevention Association. In the 1970s, Catherine and Sterling presented Fire Prevention Programs to local elementary students at the Towanda Fire Department. Catherine was also an avid bowler in her younger days.

Along with her parents, Catherine was predeceased by her husband, Sterling M. Young, on October 15, 1989; her son, Merle Robert, on March 1, 2011; and a grandson, Wayne Allen Young, on December 24, 1976.

Catherine survivors are her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Cynthia Young, Towanda; grandchildren, Lisa Young, Towanda; Heidi Jo (Brent) Hetland, Durham, North Carolina; Stephen (Donna) Young, Spencer, Massachusetts; Jason (Trisha) Young, Susquehanna County, PA; Christopher (Rosemary) Young, Standing Stone, PA; great-grandchildren, Stephen Young, Jr., Alexandria Young, Adam and Elise Hetland, Trenton and Sierra Young, Christine Bourret-Myers, Stephen Bourret, Bre Young; sisters, Alice Shaffer, Overton, Martha "Peggy" (Olin) Cook, Mansfield, a special nephew, Merle Bacon, Towanda, and multiple nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with Rev. Rachel Stahle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Towanda, officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private at St. Paul's Reformed Cemetery, Overton, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court St. Towanda, PA 18848 or to North Towanda Fire and Rescue Volunteer Fire Department, 40 Hillcrest Drive, Towanda, PA 18848. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Reformed Cemetery

Overton

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Messersmith Young*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Catherine Messersmith Young*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Catherine Messersmith Young*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Catherine Messersmith Young*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Catherine Messersmith Young*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *You will be in my prayers on the Sabbath, Catherine and family. You are a cousin to my father, Weldon Learn, who died in 1994.*
Judy Learn Bogardus

Judy Learn Bogardus - January 27, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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“ Dear Jerry, Cynthia, and Family,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. Catherine was a lovely lady and will always be remembered - kind, gracious, concerned for others, and full of spirit. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

*May God Bless,
Joyce Hinkson*

Joyce Hinkson - January 25, 2017 at 09:53 AM