



## Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard

February 11, 1929 - August 6, 2013

Darleen "Nursie" Slater Hillyard, RN, 84, well-known resident of Smithfield Township, Pa., passed away Tuesday morning, Aug. 6, 2013, at her home following declining health. Darleen was born in Towanda, Pa., on Feb. 11, 1929, the daughter of Royal D. "Jack" Slater and Marguerite Young Slater. She grew up in Towanda where she attended the Third Ward School and graduated from Towanda High School with the class of 1946. Darleen graduated from the Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing in 1950 and was employed by the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., for a brief time before serving as a general and private duty registered nurse at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre from 1951 to 1958. On Aug. 29, 1952, she married Harry William Hillyard. In August of 1970, Darleen received her school nursing degree from Mansfield University and state certification permit having continued her education evenings, weekends and summer months for a number of years completing courses at Elmira College, Penn State University, East Stroudsburg University and Mansfield University. From September of 1958 until her retirement in June of 1990, Darleen had served as an Athens Area School District nurse for the East Smithfield, SRU, Ridgebury, Greenes Landing, Ulster, East Athens and Litchfield schools. In addition to nursing she enjoyed high school sports, having formerly served as an athletic director and as bookkeeper for soccer, wrestling and track for many years even after her retirement. She was a member of the East Smithfield Methodist Church, the Robert Packer Hospital Alumni Association, Bradford-Sullivan Retired

Teachers Association, PSERS, PASR and was a life member of the School Nurses Section of PSEA and NEA-PSEA. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, William and Roxann Hillyard, Benjamin and Kathleen Hillyard; grandchildren, Melissa and Joann Martin, Samantha Luce and Jim Boring, Timothy and Sarah Hillyard, Katherine Hillyard, Joseph Hillyard; great-grandchildren, Ryan Elliott, Matthew Elliott, Portia Howard, Abigail Hillyard and Meredith Boring; brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Slater; nephew, Daniel and Karen Slater; niece, Debra and George Warden; and many special and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry William Hillyard on Oct. 16, 1979; mother, Marguerite Slater Shultz on Oct. 11, 1979; and father, Royal D. Slater on July 19, 1962. The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave., Towanda, Pa. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, at the East Smithfield Methodist Church with Rev. LaVern Jackson officiating. Interment will follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, Pa. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the Darleen "Nursie" Hillyard Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund in care of (Principal) Athens Area High School, 401 West Frederick St., Athens, PA 18810, in her memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

Troy, PA 16947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
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## Service

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AUG **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

East Smithfield United Methodist Church  
Milan Road  
East Smithfield, PA 18817

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Darleen 'Nursie' Slater Hillyard*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My sympathy to you and your families. I worked as a nurse in the Athens schools and Darleen was always there to help out. Many times we would meet at the SRU track for field events. She was a "go-to" person in time of need. She will be greatly missed by many who knew her.*

*Sincerely,  
Kate Jones*

**Kathleen Jones** - August 27, 2013 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ It's hard to find the right words to describe how great a lady Aunt Darleen was and how much she meant to me, Karen, Amanda & Brian. The family get-togethers at her house helped create some PRICELESS memories. She was the BEST!! We loved her a lot, will miss her even more and will keep her in our hearts forever.  
*Dan Slater, Rochester, NY*

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**Dan Slater** - August 20, 2013 at 05:36 PM

JH

“ I knew and worked with Darleen for many years .I will remember her as dedicated to her profession and a fun loving GAL. She also loved camping with various groups around the valley. Please accept my condolences  
*Jan Keeney Hunt Crystal River, Fl.*

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**Jan Keeney Hunt** - August 14, 2013 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ Will always remember this lady with a smile! She butterfly bandaged my finger when I closed a jack-knife on it. Lived down the road and she was willing to take care of me! She was a blessing at SRU and will always be remembered fondly as our school nurse. My sympathy to you, her family. Sincerely, Bonnie Decker Watson

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**Bonnie Watson** - August 11, 2013 at 08:27 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear your loss.

*Charles & June Nichols*

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**Charles & June Nichols** - August 09, 2013 at 05:53 PM

ST

“ Our condolences to Darleen's entire family. She was a 'one of a kind' person who was a friend to all and a stalwart member of her community. To those of us who had the pleasure of working with her Nursie will always be the face of SRU High School. May God bless her and give rest to her soul.

*Steve and Julia Tubbs*

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**Stephen Tubbs** - August 09, 2013 at 09:31 AM

LA

“ sorry to hear about your loss Larry Allyn

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**larry allyn** - August 08, 2013 at 08:02 PM

TS

“ Nursie will be missed by many. Prayers to her family at this very sad time. Hold tight to all your loving memories to help comfort you all.  
*Tina Stroman*



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**Tina Stroman** - August 08, 2013 at 10:20 AM

RL

“ Bill and family: So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It's been quite a while and have been wondering about you but don't know e-mail address. Can't come to viewing because of real bad health. God bless. Sincerely, Dick and Janice Latimer

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**Richard Latimer** - August 08, 2013 at 10:13 AM



*A true wrestling fan who always greeted the athletes with a smile while working the score table. She was a fixture in the NTL at SRU and Athens. Thanks from all your wrestlers and coaches.*

*Eric Knolles*

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**Melissa Farrell Knolles** - August 14, 2013 at 03:12 PM