



Erma Lynette Merrill Horton

April 4, 1927 - April 11, 2018

Erma Lynette Merrill Horton, 91, of 145 N. Elmira St. Athens, PA went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Erma was born at home in East Athens, PA on April 4, 1927 the daughter of Arthur and Hazel Cole Merrill. She was a graduate of Athens High School with the class of 1945. In early years, Erma was employed by several area stores and was later employed by the Athens Middle School cafeteria. Erma was a founding member of the Athens Wesleyan Church and was a member of the church choir. She enjoyed playing accordion and was a member of Ralph Bartlett's Accordion Band for many years. Erma also enjoyed spending time with her family and providing child care in earlier years for area families.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Jim Willson of North Carolina, sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Thea Horton of Port Crane, New York, David Horton of Endicott, New York, grandchildren, Heidi Petterson and husband Kyle, Heather Willson, Tasha Willson, Stephanie Rogers and husband Jordan, Dale Horton and wife Danielle, Harper Horton, Ema Horton, great grandchildren, Jack Petterson, James Petterson, Maddox Villarreal, Jude Horton, Derek Horton, Cooper Rogers and Cole Rogers, her sister, Esther Merrill Finch of Athens, PA, brother, Arthur Ronald Merrill of Warren, PA, brother and sister-in-law, William Richard and Esther Merrill of Watsontown, PA, sisters-in-law, Eugenia Horton of Watsontown, PA, Kathy Horton of Athens, PA as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Erma was predeceased by her husband, Wesley D.

Horton on September 11, 2010 and her son, Dale Horton in 1963.

The funeral service will be held Friday, April 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Athens Wesleyan Church with Pastor Josh Householder and Pastor David Larson officiating.

The family will receive friends Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be private in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Athens Wesleyan Church, 3903 Wilawana Road, Sayre, PA 18840 in memory of Erma Lynette Merrill Horton's memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, Sayre, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Athens Wesleyan Church
3909 Wilawana Road
Sayre, PA

Service

APR 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Jim and Donna our prayers are with you and your family. I remember your parents opening their home to us when we went to visit PB's dad in Florida. What a gift of love that was to help us enjoy family time. I also know that your parents were wonderful friends of my parents. How God puts us together to love and cherish each other.*

PB and Becky Stetser - April 21, 2018 at 12:45 AM

JS

“ Donna, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I have such great memories of the many times spent at your house when we were teens. Your mom always had a listening ear. Hugs!

Judy Cole Simpson - April 18, 2018 at 06:59 PM

CW

“ Claudia Willson lit a candle in memory of Erma Lynette Merrill Horton



Claudia Willson - April 18, 2018 at 04:54 PM

CW

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of Erma's family. Growing up with Erma in my life only made my life better. She was always a comfort to me just being around her. A wonderful lady that loved the Lord God and wasn't afraid to show it. I will miss her. May God comfort and bless all of you. Claudia

Claudia Willson - April 18, 2018 at 04:58 PM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss the family will be in our prayers.
From Port Crane Auxiliary ladys



Ruth Shoemaker - April 17, 2018 at 08:32 PM

RS

“ *ROBIN SCHANBACHER lit a candle in memory of Erma Lynette Merrill Horton*



ROBIN SCHANBACHER - April 17, 2018 at 02:18 PM

RS

“ *Dean I'm so very sorry for your lost. I will have you and your whole family in my prayers.*



Ruth Shoemaker - April 17, 2018 at 10:46 AM

NM

“ *I am very sorry for the loss of this dear woman but I rejoice in the knowledge that she is now reuniting with the Lord and all her dear friends and family. I know my parents will be among the many welcoming her home. Prayers to all who carry on here until you are reunited. With love, Nancy (Cole) Miller.*

Nancy Miller - April 17, 2018 at 03:51 AM