



## Evelyn V. Berda

October 21, 1929 - December 20, 2012

Evelyn V. Berda, 83, of Towanda formerly of Ulster, PA died Thursday, December 20, 2012 at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Memorial Hospital, Towanda following an extended illness. Evelyn was born in Wysox, PA on October 21, 1929 to Joseph P. and Virginia Johnson Cotter. Upon graduating from Ulster High School in 1947, she attended West Chester University, majoring in music. After one year at West Chester, she transferred to College Misericordia in Dallas, PA. to continue her music education. Evelyn discontinued her college education entirely after one year there. She was then married to her husband, the late John J. Berda for 60 years. In addition to being a devoted wife, homemaker and mother, Evelyn worked a variety of jobs throughout her life. She was employed in a sewing factory, as a waitress and receptionist at the Towanda Motel, a production line worker at the Ann Page Packaging Plant in Horseheads, NY and finally as a caseworker for the Bradford County Department of Child Welfare until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by her:

Brother and Sister-in-law, Thomas and Albertine Cotter

Daughter and Son-in-law, Virginia and Joseph Whelpley

Son and Daughter-in-law, Pat and MaryBeth Berda

Grandsons, Michael Berda and Erik Berda and his wife Dana

Sisters-in-Law, Romaine Cotter and Mary Lou Cotter

Brother-in-law, Howard Acla

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John J. Berda on January 9, 2011, brothers, John, Joseph, Paul and Willis Cotter and sisters, Eleanor Gwinn, Josephine Eicher, Katherine Davidson and Theresa Acla.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday, December 28, 2012, at 11 a.m. at S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, PA. Private interment will follow in S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery, N. Towanda Twp., PA.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday morning at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to St. Agnes School, 102 Third St. Towanda, PA 18848 in Evelyn Berda's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com) .

# Cemetery Details

## S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church  
106 Third Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn V. Berda

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Evelyn V. Berda

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Evelyn V. Berda

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Evelyn V. Berda

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Evelyn V. Berda

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

PE

“ Aunt Evy was my God Mother and a loving soul, I always looked forward to spending time with all of our family on Sugar Creek , watching Uncle Johnny race Aunt Theresa with his Oldsmobile station wagon against her new sleek mustang and beating her too, and all of fun times at the pool in the summer or riding down hill in the winter and making homemade ice cream for 30 or so, we always had lots of love and Aunt Evy and all of the family we were as one, and you know Uncle Johnny he was my God father too, anyway the weather is fierce and I will not be venturing out from Virginia but as always send all of my love and Prayers to all please don't think poorly of me I love and miss you all. Paul Eicher.

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**Paul Eicher** - December 26, 2012 at 02:00 PM

JF

“ Virginia,  
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May her memories carry you through the days ahead.

*Jon Flynn*

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**Jon Flynn** - December 26, 2012 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ I will never forget this wonderful, caring lady... she had such a huge impact on my life...  
I was one of her "success stories"--Evelyn truly helped me move forward and succeed in life. I met her when she became my caseworker at cys-- I will never forget the first day we met...she told me what she expected from me and told me her rules and that I will follow them-- I was scared to death of her no-nonsense approach but that was exactly what I needed-- She picked me up and lead me on the straight path to success. I graduated from high school, went on to college and obtained a bachelor degree, and have had a successful nursing career for over 15yrs now--I truly owe it all to her strength and guidance and never giving up on me...she will forever hold a special place in my heart.

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**rebecca johnson snyder** - December 26, 2012 at 02:30 AM

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“ I am blessed to have many fond memories of Aunt Evie... one of the greatest is that of being in her company following Vigil on Saturday evenings. I would accompany my Grandma Josie, two doors down, to the home that she shared with Uncle Johnny. Even as a young child I recall being captivated by the conversation that ensued among a large and loving family. On these famous Saturday evenings in the summer, we would gather in the front yard with our lawn chairs and iced tea ( we musn't forget the wonderful cookies and cakes) for an evening of family fellowship. At the time, I wish I had the sense to appreciate all of the faith, love, and wisdom that was being shared. I believe my Mom summed up Aunt Evie's character the best when she said ; "Aunt Evie's eyes danced when she spoke; she was truly a lovely person." With much love to her Children, Grandchildren, and the remaining Cotter family... - Amanda Eicher Baldwin



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**Amanda Eicher Baldwin** - December 22, 2012 at 02:15 PM