



## Francis D. Hardenstine

January 28, 1927 - June 23, 2015

Francis D. Hardenstine, well-known area farmer, bus driver and public servant, died June 23, 2015, at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA.

The son of the late Frank D. and Nellie J. Hardenstine, he was born on Jan. 28, 1927 in the house he lived in his entire life in New Era, PA.

Francis was a 1945 graduate of New Albany High School.

On June 13, 1953, he married his best friend, Jean Comstock, with whom he spent the next 60 years of his life until her death on June 18, 2013.

After graduation, he worked on the family dairy farm until his retirement. He was a director and president of the Bradford-Sullivan Eastern Milk Producers local chapter for years.

He was a long-time school bus driver for the New Albany and Wyalusing Area School District, carrying thousands of students safely during a 41-year-career. He retired from driving in 1992.

Francis had a long career in local public service, serving as Terry Township auditor for two terms. He was on the township election board for two years. He served as Terry Township supervisor for 39 years. For five years, he was President of the Bradford County Township Officers' Association.

Francis also served many years as secretary/treasurer for the New Era Cemetery Association, surrendering that post last year.

He was a member of the Towanda Elks Club and the Towanda Gun Club.

Francis is survived by his son, Peter; daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Victor Olaviany; two granddaughters whom he adored, Amanda Olaviany and

Caitlin Olaviany; a sister, Alice Zajac; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to his parents and wife, Francis was predeceased by a brother, Lee Hardenstine, and sisters Celia Shaffer, Agnes Giesin and June Adams. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. The funeral service will be held Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Carol E. Coleman, pastor of the Luzerne United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the New Era Cemetery, Terry Twp., PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the New Era Cemetery Association, in care of Peter D. Hardenstine, Secretary-Treasurer, 225 Rienze Road, Wyalusing, PA 18853 in Francis D. Hardenstine's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## New Era Cemetery

New Era, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Francis D. Hardenstine

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Francis D. Hardenstine

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Francis D. Hardenstine

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Francis D. Hardenstine

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Francis D. Hardenstine

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ WINNIE FRYSTAK MOSER-SOLANO lit a candle in memory of Francis D. Hardenstine



WINNIE FRYSTAK MOSER-SOLANO - July 07, 2015 at 10:40 PM

WM

“ PETER AND FAMILY SORRY TO HER OF YOUR LOSS MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU YOUR IN MY PRAYERS HUGS TO YOUR WHOLE FAMILY

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**WINNIE FRYSTAK MOSER-SOLANO** - July 07, 2015 at 10:39 PM

LK

“ Tanya, Vic, Amanda and Caitlyn,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Linda Kreuzer

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**Linda Kreuzer** - June 29, 2015 at 01:52 AM

KB

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you strength in your time of sorrow.

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**kathy Wyda blackstone** - June 27, 2015 at 10:05 PM

KP

“ It was a great honor to get to know Francis, I very much would look forward to the daily talks he and I would share. Francis will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Hardenstine family.

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**Kim Hiedacavage , Stevensville PA** - June 27, 2015 at 11:59 AM

LS

“ We are very sorry for your family's loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Love,  
The Shalkowski Family

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**Lonell Shalkowski** - June 26, 2015 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Love, the Borino Family

Jennifer Borino - June 26, 2015 at 10:17 AM

TG

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Francis passed away. Among other memories: he drove the schoolbus I rode on for years! My sympathy to you.

Trudy Gerlach - June 26, 2015 at 10:10 AM

CM

“ On behalf of the Wyalusing Area School District and Board of Directors, our condolences and sympathies to the Hardenstine family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. --  
Chester Mummau, Wyalusing, PA



Chester Mummau - June 25, 2015 at 07:50 PM

BB

“ Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Francis D. Hardenstine.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board - June 25, 2015 at 03:39 PM