



Jeannine Rockwell Thurston

September 27, 1927 - October 29, 2014

Jeannine Rockwell Thurston, 87, a resident of Sayre Health Care Center in Sayre, PA, formerly of Bressler St., Sayre (Athens Township) passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

Born on September 27, 1927 at the family's home in Troy Township, PA, she was the daughter of the

late Orlando W. (O.W.) and Florence (Louise) Newell Rockwell.

Jeannine graduated from Troy High School in 1945 and from Mansfield State Teachers College in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education.

Mrs. Thurston began her teaching career as a Home Economics teacher at SRU High School in East Smithfield from 1949 to 1959. She returned to college to become certified in elementary education and for the next 20 years, she taught kindergarten students in 3 of the Athens Area School District's elementary schools (Willow Street, Main Elementary and Audrielle Lynch) before retiring in June, 1990 with over 30 years of service. She will fondly be remembered by her peers and former students as a dedicated and compassionate educator.

She married John M. Thurston at the Troy United Methodist church on August 10, 1952. They happily shared 56 years of marriage until John passed away on February 10, 2009. Jeannine was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church in Athens for 61 years where she served on the Board of Deacons and was a vacation bible school teacher.

Jeannine was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was an excellent cook and talented seamstress who enjoyed gardening, camping and traveling. Jeannine's greatest joys were spending time with her family and visiting with friends. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Jeannine was the beloved mother of her three children and their spouses: Susan Callanan and her husband, Ray, of Sayre (Athens Township), Brian Thurston and his wife, Linda, of Athens and Craig Thurston and his wife, Sheila, of Sayre (Athens Township).

She was the proud and loving grandmother of Jeffrey Callanan of Sayre, Joshua Thurston and his wife, Jessica, of Rochester, NY, Rachel Thurston of Athens, Gehrig Thurston of Sayre (Athens Township), step-grandson Philip Shamoun and his wife, Blaire, and their daughter, Lilly, of Milford, Ohio and a former sister-in-law, Arlene Gates of Columbia Cross Roads. Jeannine is also survived by several nieces, nephews and numerous cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, Jeannine was preceded in death by her brother, Donald O. Rockwell, in April of 1993, brothers-in-law, H. Owen Thurston in October of 1974 and Loomis White in April of 2000 and sisters-in-law, Julia Thurston White in March of 2011 and Barbara Shores Thurston in August of 2012.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at

the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA with the Rev. Ann Canfield officiating. Interment will be in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may kindly consider donations to the Athens Area School District, Lynch-Bustin library fund, 401 West Frederick St., Suite 101, Athens, PA 18810 in Jeannine R. Thurston's memory. 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

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
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Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



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“ *My sincere condolences to Jeannine's extended family but especially to Susan, Brian, and Craig. It is difficult to have to say goodbye to a close loved one, but I am sure your mother will always live on in your memories.*

*Joan MacAfee
Sayre, PA*

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“ *My prayers are with the Thurston family at this time of sorrow.*
The Rev. Joseph J, Gasper,

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