



Betty Jean Barr

June 16, 1930 - May 31, 2018

Betty Jean Barr of Pine Grove passed from this life to the next on May 31, 2018 at her daughter's home.

She was born in Pottsville on June 16, 1930, the 2nd child of Wilbur and Helen Rarick Zimmerman. She had been married for 66 years to Jackie L. Barr Sr. when he passed in 2015. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved taking care of her family. An excellent cook, she rarely missed preparing large and lavish Sunday dinners for them, followed by card games and catching up on news.

She was a member and former Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her work history began at age five at the Eagle Hotel alongside her older brother, Bill. A mining accident left their father without an income while he recovered, so everyone had to help. Working before and after school, by 14 she was scooping ice cream and flipping burgers behind the counter at Blinkers drugstore. She graduated from Pine Grove High School in 1948, a varsity cheerleader, and still working after school as a waitress. She spent 12 years with the Pine Grove School District as the cashier in the cafeteria and as an office secretary. Next she became Payroll secretary and receptionist at C&W Mfg. Co. until closure. She retired from Fort Indiantown Gap as Reserve Pay Supervisor.

She is survived by her daughter Susan A. Barr, granddaughter Lydia Barr daughter of the late Jack L. Barr and her companion David Reidler, brother

Harold "Bill" Zimmerman, sister-in-law Beverly Zimmerman, nieces and nephews, step-grandchildren and her "hero," David Leffler, whose physical strength and generosity of spirit helped her to remain at home with her daughter.

Preceding her in death were her sons, Gerald R. in 1969 and Jackie L. in 2010, her son-in-law Lawrence Mann in 2016, as well as brother Richard Zimmerman and sister Janet Mitsky.

Services will be at the convenience of the family.