



Margaret E. Bomberger

June 24, 1922 - March 1, 2018

Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Mann Bomberger, 95, of Brethren Village in Lancaster died peacefully on March, 1, 2018 at Brethren Village. Betty was born on June 24, 1922, the daughter of the late William A. and Margaret Welch Mann of Columbia. She was the wife of the Rev. Harold Zug Bomberger of Lebanon County, who preceded her in death. Surviving her are her two sons, Timothy Warren (Deborah) of Lewisberry, Harold Lane (Anita) of McPherson, KS; and daughter, Venona (Joe) of Loganville; two sisters, Meena Eichelberger of E. Petersburg, and Thelma Kreiser (Ralph) of Mt. Joy; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. After graduating from Columbia High School she received her B.S. degree from Elizabethtown College and continued work toward a Master's degree at Wichita State University and McPherson College in Kansas.

In June of 1944 she married Harold Bomberger whom she met at Elizabethtown College. As a minister's family Betty and Harold and children lived and served churches in Vidora, Saskatchewan Canada, Allentown, Westminster, MD, Harrisburg, McPherson, KS and Pine Grove, and assisted her husband in seven part-time interim pastorates within the Church of the Brethren.

A dedicated, exemplary, well-respected elementary public school teacher, Betty taught nine years in McPherson, KS, and 12 years for the Central Dauphin School District. Following her retirement in 1989, Betty served as a substitute teacher for 10 years. Throughout her career, Betty was a member

of NEA, serving as President of her local organization. Many Sunday School students also benefited from Betty's love of teaching.

With an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and learning about different cultures, Betty and Harold led numerous tours and pilgrimages to Oberammergau, Germany, Mexico, Ecuador, British Isles, and the Holy Land. As a gift to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Betty wrote and had printed MY STORY, a humorous, exciting, fascinating recounting of her life. Events of note included her attendance with her husband at Queen Elizabeth's garden party at London's Buckingham Palace and an audience with Pope Paul VI in Rome.

Betty's culinary prowess was legendary. Holiday meals were always extra-special events, prepared by her loving hands. Grandsons were heard to lament that they were afraid their wives would not be able to match their Grandmother's cooking. Grandchildren learned at their Grandmother's side how to make Chicken Pot-pie, apple dumplings and various cookies. Children and grandchildren alike were frequently clothed in Betty's hand sewn creations.

Following her move to Brethren Village Betty's wide circle of friends expanded even more as she quickly became known for her generosity, food gifts, and many kindnesses towards others. This true and faithful servant of Christ will be greatly missed by her beloved family and many friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Annville Church of the Brethren, 495 E. Maple St., Annville. A visitation will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family in South Annville Cemetery. A fellowship meal will be held at 5PM at Brethren Village in the Wolfe Auditorium, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Annville Church of the Brethren or the Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 in Margaret's memory. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Annville Church of the Brethren
495 E. Maple Street
Annville, PA 17003

Memorial Service

MAR 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ To Betty's Family. I just learned 5 minutes ago about Betty's passing. I got to know her through my mother, Helen Kinsel, who was her good friend and neighbor at Fieldcrest. She was so kind and always invited mother over for ice cream and ate many meals together at Chives. They were also friends at Lititz Church of the Brethren and had a long history of friendship. I remember on Dec 6th when I had to move my mother to Terrace Crossing, and Betty came to say good-bye and was crying. I was so sad to see them move apart. Then my mother died on Feb 12th and I called Betty a couple of days later. She had moved too and wasn't getting along very well. That's the last I talked to her and just didn't know that she too went to be her Lord. They are both in heaven now.
God bless, Lois Kinsel Griffith

Lois Griffith - March 08, 2018 at 07:36 PM

VD

Thank you for your kind words, Louis. My mom loved your Mom. What a wonderful, practically life Long friendship they shared. College roommates, were they? We hope to attend your Mother's service. When will that be?

Venona Detrick - March 11, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret E. Bomberger.



March 02, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Margaret E. Bomberger.*



March 02, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *We have been so blessed to know Betty and her late husband Harold. Harold was our interim pastor at Lancaster COB. I shall never forget the time they came to dinner at our home. They were very gracious guests and brought a little clay jug which contained a miniature version of the Dead Sea Scrolls. It still has a place of honor in our living room!*

Here at BV Betty was a delight! She was always concerned with the welfare of other residents, including myself. It was a joy to know her. I'm thankful for our Lord's promise that He has gone to prepare place for us. I know we will meet again.

Venona and family. May you find peace and comfort in all of the happy memories you have, and in knowing that many of us are supporting you with our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Joyce and Rich Bohn

Joyce Bohn - March 02, 2018 at 09:28 AM

JS

“ Betty and her late husband, Harold, were wonderful friends of ours. Herb and I will never forget our many rendezvous to their beautiful home near Mt. Gretna, PA.
After Herb and I moved to McPherson, Betty and Harold were very supportive of my husband, Herb, as Harold had been pastor at the McPherson Church of the Brethren for a number of years.
Later, on our annual voyages back to Pennsylvania each summer, we always visited them in their home. After Harold's passing, we visited Betty each year. She was a delight to be with and even invited us to her grandson, Ben's concerts. He played for the Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

Jeanne Smith - March 02, 2018 at 03:34 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Margaret E. Bomberger.



March 01, 2018 at 06:12 PM