



Mary E. Bruckhart

January 4, 1915 - November 15, 2012

Mary E. Bruckhart, 97, of Palmyra, died Thursday November 15, 2012. Born January 4, 1915 in Fredericksburg, PA, was the daughter of Samuel and Mable Edris. She grew up along with eight siblings on their farm in Fredericksburg and attended the nearby one-room school. She married Abram F. Bruckhart of Manheim, PA in April of 1935. Their 71 years of married life started as house parents for the Milton Hershey Industrial School. They settled in Palmyra, where they built their home on Hazel Street and raised two sons. Mary was a long time employee of the Hershey Chocolate Factory retiring in 1978. In addition to her employment, she volunteered tirelessly, first for the Palmyra Church of the Brethren and subsequently, for the Annville Church of the Brethren, The Heffer project, Hershey Medical Center and the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home. Mary loved gardening, cooking for many church functions and sewing. We, her family, treasure the beautiful quilts and crewel work designs she made over the years. They are a reminder of her love. Mary was predeceased by her son Bruce in 1941, husband Abram in 2006, and grandson Patrick in August of this year. Also by siblings Verna Hostetter, Elias Edris, Erma Fahnestock, Rufus Edris, Mildred Kreiner, Edward Edris, Carl Edris, and Kenneth Edris. She leaves her sons Glenn J. Bruckhart wife Judith of Littleton, CO and John Bruckhart of Palmyra, two grandchildren T. Nicole Bruckhart and Benjamin Bruckhart with partner Rich, all of Denver, CO, and a granddaughter-in-law Lynn Bruckhart, two great grandchildren, Tate and Tessa Bruckhart of Stevens Point, WI and one brother Lee Edris of

Lebanon. Please join us for a Evensong Memorial service on December 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the Annville Church of the Brethren, 495 E. Maple Street, Annville, PA 17003 with a time of fellowship following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Annville Church of the Brethren or the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Good Samaritan Fund, 1200 Grubb Road, Palmyra, PA 17078.

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“ *With Mary, a true Renaissance woman, goes the end of an era. What a dear, sweet soul with so many varied talents. A masterful gardener, gourmet cook, woman of deep faith, music lover and seamstress extraordinaire, whose generosity knew no bounds. I appreciated her strong convictions and unwavering stance. She was a very educated woman who took it upon herself to continue learning at every opportunity. My sincere sympathy to her family of whom she was so proud and loved so deeply.*

Cinda Bothell - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM