



Rhoda M. Funck-Meyer

September 21, 1920 - November 21, 2022

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She was born Rhoda May Lehman, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Lehman on September 21, 1920 in Florin, PA. She was the sixth of twelve children and was the last survivor among her siblings. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Stanley Funck and by her second husband, Jonas Meyer.

Rhoda attended elementary school in a rural one-room schoolhouse near Mt. Joy, PA. She was a devout Christian throughout her life. She was raised in the Brethren in Christ Church and her home through most of her childhood was next to the Mt. Pleasant Brethren in Christ Church. After the completion of eighth grade, she was unable to attend high school in town because of limitations in transportation. Throughout her teen years she worked in various places in domestic service, culminating in her late teens in employment in the home of J.H. Troup, the owner of the Troup Music Store in Harrisburg, PA. During this time she acquired exceptional skills in cooking and baking and as a seamstress. She married Stanley Funck in 1941. Initially her husband and children were the primary beneficiaries of her domestic skills, but when her husband's employment took the family to the Allentown area, her talents began to benefit others. In the 1950's the family began attending Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church (later to become Bethel Bible Fellowship Church) in Allentown and Rhoda became very active in the Women's Missionary Society. Over the course of several years she made clothing for a

large number of missionary families that were supported by the church. In addition, during these years she both designed and produced wedding attire for several close relatives and their attendants.

In 1960 her husband's transfer of employment took the family to the Harrisburg area where Rhoda continued to be active in church life at the Harrisburg Bible Fellowship Church. In 1965 Stanley took a position at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's main office, which meant a transition back to the Lehigh Valley. Rhoda again became active in her new church, Ebenezer Bible Fellowship, in Bethlehem—this time as a leader in Pioneer Girls, a Christian organization for teenage girls. Following her husband's retirement, they moved to Countryside Christian Community in Annville, PA. Stanley passed away in 1994. and Rhoda remained in their cottage, an unmarried widow for two years. In 1996 she married a widower of two years, Jonas Meyer, whom she had met at North Annville Bible Church. They remained together, enjoying frequent visits to antique fairs, until Jonas's death in 2007. She continued to reside at Countryside until July, 2020 when it was purchased by StoneRidge resulting in her move to Myerstown, PA.

Rhoda's memory remained intact throughout her life. She would often recount experiences stretching all the way back to childhood, frequently in great detail. As a child and young adult she had memorized numerous passages of scripture and her recall of them also remained intact throughout her life. One particularly noteworthy incident illustrating this occurred at the North Annville Bible Church when she was asked by the pastor to recite Psalm One for the entire congregation in place of the scripture reading. This occurred when she was in her early nineties.

Rhoda leaves a rich legacy of love and spiritual devotion for her family and friends. She is survived by her son, Larry Funck (Alethea) of Batavia, IL, her daughter, Diane Keller of Bethlehem, PA., four grandchildren, David Funck(Jennifer Grant) of Chicago,IL, Brian Funck(Sara Hendren) of Cambridge, MA, Jenny Keller Wellington(Jon) of Deerfield, NH and Nathan Keller of Easton, PA, and eleven great grandchildren, Theodore, Ian, Isabel,

Mia, Graham, Winifred, Malcolm, Avida, Jeremy, Scarlett and Lilly.

Here is the link for the Livestream Services for Rhoda Funck-Meyer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jROdtG5ZkSg>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

North Annville Bible Church
4590 Hill Church Road
Annville, PA 17003