



Ruth B. Dietz

June 6, 1925 - June 5, 2017

Ruth B. Dietz, 91, of Ono, died Monday, June 5, 2017 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. She was the wife of Monroe J. Bohn until he passed away in 1970. She later married Richard J. Dietz, Sr. who died in 2011.

Born in Millcreek Township on June 6, 1925, Ruth was raised in the Church of the Brethren and worshipped in the Christian faith. She was the daughter of the late Jesse H. and Mary Darkes Ziegler and was raised on a dairy farm in eastern Lebanon County, where milking cows by hand and collecting chicken eggs were just a few of her daily chores.

After graduating from Newmanstown High School, Ruth attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing, graduating in 1946 as a registered nurse. She worked as an operating room nurse at both Lebanon Veteran's Hospital and the Lebanon Sanatorium. Her medical acumen continued beyond her nursing years as she gladly imparted old healing wisdoms on her children and grandchildren.

After the death of Monroe Bohn, Ruth assumed his role as a co-owner of JP Donmoyer, Inc., and stepped into a management position at a time when few women worked in the trucking industry. Over the course of her tenure, she received many awards and was recognized as a pioneer for women in business, including being the first recipient of the Lebanon County Athena Award in 1990. In 1996, Ruth was selected one of the "50 Best Business Women in PA" and recognized as an "Entrepreneur of the Year in PA." Ruth

also served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

Ruth cultivated deep roots in the local area and demonstrated a strong commitment to community leadership. In 1957, she helped organize the Ono Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and served as its first President. She served as a member and as president of the Northern Lebanon School Board for 16 years, the Lancaster/Lebanon IU Board, HACC Advisory Board, and the Penn State Harrisburg Advisory Council. Ruth was also a founding member of the Northern Lebanon Rotary Club in 1999.

Ruth is survived by two sons, Jeffrey L. Bohn and his wife, Barbara, of Annville, and Hans P. Bohn and his wife, Mary-Lynne, of Carlisle, MA; stepson Richard J. Dietz, Jr. and his wife, Vicki, of Lebanon; and stepdaughter Susan Higginbotham and her husband, Richard, of Overgaard, AZ. She was the proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Austin, Travis, Maxwell, Joshua, and Abigail Bohn. In addition, Ruth leaves behind two brothers, Jesse D. Ziegler of Womelsdorf and Levi Ziegler of Neffsville; three sisters, Mildred Gnegy of Somerset, June Blouch and her husband, Richard, of Palmyra, and Virginia Sandifer of Arcadia, FL. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kristel Bohn, and her brother, Roy.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home and Crematory, N. Rt. 72 and Campmeeting Road, Jonestown at 3:00pm. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 1:00-3:00pm. Interment will be private at the discretion of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shining Light Ministries, 1600 N. Rt. 934, Annville, PA 17003 in Ruth's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. A wonderful and gracious lady. I will miss "picking" on her at the Ono Post Office and our many wonderful conversations. Rest In Peace Ruth.*

Lorie Miller - June 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Our sincerest condolences to your family. You are in our prayers. Susan and Dick Hess*

Susan and Dick Hess - June 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *Ruth B. Dietz*

Nancy - June 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry for your family's great loss. May all of your good memories of your mother give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Carol - June 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *To Ruth's family our condolences and prayers for your loss. First met Ruth when her son Hans and our son Clay played trombone with Jim Erdman. We connected again years later when we all belonged to the Lebanon Dance Club. More recently we would see and talk to Ruth when out for breakfast at Farmer's Wife. She was a great woman and made many contributions to Lebanon County.*

Gwen - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Prayers to the family. My husband worked for her. When he was recovering from lung cancer she visited us at our home and prayed with us, that was so touching to me.

Bonnie Tilberry - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Oh, how we miss your mother, even though we only connected about 5 years ago, she has made a lasting impact on our lives, she had a charming and forgiving personality. She will forever be in our thoughts. With our condolences to the family. Arnold and Nancy Kohr

Arnold Kohr - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I read the article on Ruth Dietz and I want to add something I remember her for. She was president of the Band Parents at NLHS and she was always there to help when we had fundraisers. My husband and I helped to do chicken BBQ's and Ruth was always there to help with anything that was needed

June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss!!! She was a very generous woman may God bless her. She rented to my parents then my brother and they thought very highly of her. My heart goes out to you and your family I pray god gives you comfort!!!

Donna Felty - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ i heard a lot of stories about adventurers of Ruth and Jane North when they where little and running around Newmanstown and the farm

kevin ziegler - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Ruth.She was such a nice person.I will keep the family in my prayers.

Todd Gottshall - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Ruth was a really nice lady. I have memories of talking to her at the Ziegler Reunions. She will be missed.

Danielle Ziegler - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.

June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Jeff , Hans and your families. I have fond memories riding to church functions in Elizabethtown with your mother. Even got caught speeding one time and she made me promise to never tell anyone. I hope this brings a chuckle to you all as it does me as I recall it. Much love to you all. Barbara Longenecker

Barbara Longenecker - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM