



Beatrice Mae Kreitz

August 3, 2019

Beatrice “Bebe” Mae Rudy Kreitz died on Saturday, August 3, 2019 surrounded by her children. She was born on January 4, 1925 in Summit, NJ, the fourth of five children of Reverend Charles E. and Stella (Miller) Rudy. She lived most of her childhood in the Pennsylvania coal regions, graduating from Ashland High School in 1942. She then went into training at St. Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia and earned a practical nursing license.

During World War II, Bebe wrote to Robert Kreitz, who was stationed in the South Pacific. Rumor has it that Bob's mother, Erma, who lived next door to Bebe's grandparents, instigated that correspondence. Whether that is true or not, Bebe and Bob did marry on May 24, 1946, five months after his return to the states following the war. In 1950 the young couple moved to Wyomissing, where they lived for 63 years, until moving to the Phoebe Home in Wernersville, and then to Oak Leaf Manor in Millersville.

Bebe was a loving mother and an outgoing, caring woman. She had many friends with whom she remained close throughout her life, several of them women she met in the 1950s. She was active in bridge clubs, and was an enthusiastic golfer, fly-fisher, and downhill skier.

Bebe died exactly five months after husband Robert. She is survived by daughters Ann Dianna and Nancy (David) Myer, both of Lancaster, son Morris

(Rhea) Kreitz of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her four siblings, Evelyn Bannister, Richard Rudy, James Rudy, and Bettina Laucks all predeceased Beatrice.

Her family and many friends all endorse an observation made by granddaughter Jessica, who once said “Grandma Bebe is the nicest person I know.”

Private Services will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Masonic Village Hospice, 1 Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice Mae Kreitz*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *BeBe and Bob were unforgettable members of our Leisure Court Neighborhood. We had many good times around the pool and BeBe always had a welcoming smile and a friendly word for everyone.*
Uta and Bill Hexamer

Uta Hexamer - August 08, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *I have nothing but happy memories with my grandma. She was always so positive, sincere, optimistic, and caring. My grandma was a beautiful and wonderful person, and I feel lucky to have been her granddaughter.*

Jessica Simon - August 08, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Dear Ann, Nancy & Family,*

My most sincere condolences regarding the death of your mother, "Bebe" Kreitz.

Love, Light & Peace,

Tanya Serena (Horn) West

Tanya West - August 08, 2019 at 09:59 AM