



## Janet E. Bastendorf

January 15, 2013

Janet E. Bastendorf was born on June 9, 1924 in DuBois, PA to John E. Yoder and Alice (Grier) Yoder. Janet left this earth on January 6, 2013 to join her late husband Henry E. Bastendorf. They were married on November 8, 1941 and enjoyed 58 years of marriage until his death in September 2000. They reconfirmed their dedication with a renewal of their vows and a honeymoon to Hawaii in 1981.

Janet was a veteran of the Navy, serving as a WAVE during WWII and belonged to the Blue Mountain WAVES #12 and the Navy Club of Lancaster County, Ship #166. She was also an honorary member of the Tom Mix Rangers of Virginia.

She is survived by two daughters: Janice E. Harmes and Toni L. Bowman, wife of George Bowman. She is also survived by two grandchildren: Mikki L. Harmes and Troy J. Haun; five great-grandchildren: Randi, Casey, Jessie, Codey, and Nikole; plus one great-great-granddaughter, Joslyn.

Janet liked to crochet, read books, make jewelry, and she played numerous hours of video games at home with Mikki and Troy. She also played video games at arcades with them during their teen years when she was in her 60's.

Janet was the great-niece of the 1920's silent film actor Tom Mix. She was the

grand marshal for two of the parades held during the Tom Mix Festivals held during the 1980's and 1990's in DuBois, PA. She would tell countless stories with great joy about her Uncle Tom Mix and her early life.

Janet had a love for life and animals, including several dogs, birds, turtles, and a pony named Apache Tears that she trained to give kisses and nod "please" for his treats.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to honor her to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Funeral Services will be private. There will be a celebration of her life later this year.

# Tribute Wall



“ Janet E. Bastendorf

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. I had spoken with her twice on the phone about family history. She sounded vibrant and dynamic, a beautiful soul overflowing with love. She told many amazing stories of her life interspersed with family history tales. She had invited me to come and meet her someday when I was out that way, but unfortunately I never got the chance. It shows me that it is always important to make time. To know that she is at peace now and I am sure kicking up her heels in heaven, brings a sense of solace to us all down here. God Bless you Janet. R I P.

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