



Mary Elizabeth Brubaker Sides

January 12, 1936 - November 24, 2017

Mary Elizabeth Brubaker Sides, 81, entered into eternal peace with Jesus on November 24, 2017, after a long illness. Mary was born in Mt. Joy, PA, to Arthur H. and Ethel K. Mumma Brubaker on January 12, 1936.

She trained as a registered nurse at Lancaster General Hospital and enjoyed many years of providing nursing care to countless patients. A lifelong member of the Brethren in Christ Church, she most recently attended the Lanesville, IN, United Methodist Church.

Mary married S. Paul Sides on September 14, 1957. The couple served with Brethren in Christ World Missions in several short-term missions assignments: Navajo Mission, NM; Paxton Street Home, PA; and Youngways Guest House, Zimbabwe.

Mary is survived by her husband, four children: Shari Steager (Dwayne) Millersville, PA; Steven (Kathryn) Vine Grove, KY; Judy (Wayne Ritchie) Lancaster, PA; and Barbara Navarra (Vince) Louisville, KY; nine grandchildren: Daniel (Hana) Steager, Laura Steager, Aaron Steager, Joanna Sides, Rebekah Sides, Christopher Ritchie, Helena Ritchie, Elizabeth (Paul) Varnado, and Maria Navarra; three great-grandchildren: Emma, Anna and Sara Steager; and seven siblings: John Arthur Brubaker (Eva), Kenneth Brubaker (Audrey), Joyce Heisey (Lloyd), Ruth Hollander (Bruce), Levi

Brubaker (Sandra), James Brubaker (Sue), and Robert Brubaker (Jean).

Mary will be remembered for her ability to bake delicious pies, fluffy mashed potatoes, her quick laugh, lovely singing voice, her love of books and gift of memorization.

The family wishes to thank the many personal care assistants who gave gentle loving care to Mary for the past three years.

Visitation will be after 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2017, followed by a funeral service at 6:00 p.m. at Beanblossom-Cesar Funeral Home, 201 North Oak Street, Corydon, Indiana 47112.

Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017, at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603, and after 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2017, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Community Church of Willow Street, 212 Peach Bottom Road, Willow Street, Pennsylvania 17584.

Burial will immediately follow the funeral services at Pequea Brethren in Christ Cemetery, 40 Church Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603.

Charitable donations made to Brethren in Christ World Missions 431 Grantham Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Cemetery Details

Pequea Brethren in Christ Cemetery

40 Church Road
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church of Willow Street
212 Peach Bottom Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Willow Street, PA 17584

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Brubaker Sides*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Family of Mary Sides,*

As a young girl, I grew up with Mary in my home church when her father was our pastor. We lost touch over the years, but for those of her siblings who know who I am, please accept my sincere sympathy in her loss.

Verna (Oberholtzer) Schwartz, Lancaster, PA

Verna Schwartz - December 05, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Brubaker Sides.*



December 01, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Bobby and Jean purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth Brubaker Sides.*



Bobby and Jean - November 30, 2017 at 06:41 PM

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“ *When Paul and Mary served at Youngways Guest House in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe they asked me to accompany them on an overnight train to Victoria Falls. While traveling the 3 of us sang as a trio in our compartment. Lovely memories of spending time with Mary and Paul while living in Bulawayo.*

Phyllis Engle - November 28, 2017 at 07:10 PM