



Bonnie L. Hoover

March 9, 1932 - April 18, 2021

Bonnie L. Hoover, 89, of Hoover Road, New Bethlehem, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital in Kittanning.

Born on March 9, 1932 in Limestone, she was the daughter of the late Jay and Ada Carberry Collett.

On August 27, 1949, she married Gene Hoover, the love of her life. They were married sixty-two years when Gene passed away in 2011.

Bonnie and Gene farmed together for fifty years; they raised chickens for many years and sold eggs that were all hand-candled by Bonnie. People came long distances, such as Pittsburgh and Erie, to buy clean, fresh quality eggs that they took back to their communities to share and to distribute. Also, Bonnie, Gene, and their son, Tom, milked a large herd of cows for many years. Bonnie was a multitasker before the term multitasking ever became popular. She was a homemaker who cooked, canned, baked, cleaned, farmed, and raised four children with her husband.

She never complained and she never had a mean word to say about anyone. Bonnie had a heart of gold and was the warmest, kindest, most forgiving person ever. She loved to sing and to play the piano, and she loved her cats, Precious and Daisy.

Bonnie was of the Protestant faith, and she attended the Nevin Memorial Church until her health failed.

She is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Brocious of New Bethlehem and

Ruth Ann Statewicz of Indiana, PA. Bonnie is also survived by her two grandsons, Matt Musser of New Bethlehem and Ben Statewicz and his wife, Bethany, of Kittanning, and her son-in-law, Don Musser of New Bethlehem. Bonnie was one of eight children; she is survived by one sister, Peg Emrick of Clarion. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Tom; her middle daughter, Linda Musser; and six siblings, Lois Smith, Robert Collett, Sr., George Collett, Doris Hays, Victor Collett, and Staff Sergeant Jack Collett, who was killed in action in 1945.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements. At Bonnie's request, there will be no public visitation. All services will be private.

Interment will take place in the family plot at Salem Cemetery in Frogtown. In lieu of flowers, Donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery
Frogtown, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere sympathy to the family of a lovely lady. I remember going to get eggs and the egg house. I was just a country kid growing up about two mile from the Hoover farm. I had never been in an egg house until their farm, and every time my Mom was going to get eggs, I jumped at the chance to go with her. I remember Bonnie showed how to candle eggs a couple times which was very intriguing to me. I sometimes drive by and still think of the egg house and how cool it was to a kid. May peace replace your heartache, and may your warmest memories remain.

Nancy Smathers Huffman

I grew up on the Smathers farm, Gorman and Jane were my parents.

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“ Deeply saddened on the news of Aunt Bonnie's passing. I will always treasure the many memories and years spent on the farm growing up. She was always sending my late wife cards and notes and was very caring and thoughtful. My deepest sympathy to Nancy, Ruthie, Ben, Matt and Don. May God's Grace, Love and Peace be with you all.

Will Collett DuBois, PA

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