



Mary Alice Burns

September 27, 1916 - January 11, 2014

Mary Alice Burns, 97, of New Bethlehem, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2014.

Born September 27, 1916, in Sligo, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Edith Summerville Myers.

She graduated from Sligo High School in 1934, attended the University of Pittsburgh and held a life, health and casualty insurance license.

She was married in 1938 to Henry Gilbert Burns, who preceded her in death on January 16, 1996.

Mary Alice was a devout Christian and a member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed reading, caring for her cats, bird watching, in addition, to being very musically talented. She was a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school classes and served on numerous committees.

Mary Alice was active in community affairs. She served as Judge of Election for Porter Township for many years and held the position of Republican Chairperson for Porter Township.

She was awarded the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow. In addition, Clarion University bestowed the Eberly Medal for Philanthropy for Excellence in Education upon establishing the Henry G. Burns School of Finance & Insurance. She was also one of the lead donors of the Clarion Hospital Cancer Center.

Mary Alice is survived by her son, H. Eugene Burns and his wife, Sue, of

Shippenville; and daughters, Kathryn Confer and her husband, Richard, of Murrysville, and Pamela Grisnik and her husband, Paul, of Grove City. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Keith Burns Jr. of Quakertown, David Eric Burns of Bangor, Scott E. Burns of Clarion, Elise Pasles of Wayne, Matt Confer of Shippenville, Kathryn Di Pasquale of Mars, Mary Kaup of Grove City; ten great grandchildren, David, Jennifer, and Kim Burns, Alexis and Carina Burns, Anthony, Mark, and Sam Pasles, Emily Confer, and Jackson Kaup; and a sister, Phyllis Corbin-Blose of Kittanning. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her son, Keith Burns, a daughter, Mary Ann Burns, and a brother, Dick H. Myers. Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014, in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014, in the funeral home with Pastor John W. Monger, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Churchville Cemetery in Curllsville.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Clarion University Foundation, c/o Henry G. Burns School of Finance & Insurance, Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement, Clarion University, 840 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Aunt Mary Alice. She was such an amazing woman and a joy to talk to. I have great memories of going to her farm while my sister and I were visiting our grandma. Please know that each of you are in my prayers. Love you all!

Corrinne Durante - January 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We extend our hand to you in this lonely time of grief. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but love leaves a memory no one can steal. These loving memories now become your treasure. Mary Alice and Henry were both known and loved by many and have left a treasure trove of memories for all of us to cherish.

Meredith & Dorothy Gross - January 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ TO ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MARY ALICE BURNS. WE WANT TO OFFER OUR DEEPEST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND CONDOENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY. EVEN THOUGH MARY ALICE LIVED A FULL AND LONG LIFE, WE KNOW THAT YOU ALL MISS HER VERY MUCH. WE REGRET THAT DUE TO WILMA'S LOSS OF MEMORY AND PHYSICAL AILMENTS AND, THE POSSIBILITY THAT I MAY HAVE THE FLU, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE VIEWING OR THE FUNERAL SERVICE. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THESE UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALL UNDERSTAND ROGER & WILMA BURNS MCHENRY

Roger & Wilma Burns McHenry - January 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are extending our thoughts and prayers in the passing of your sister and aunt Mary Alice to Phyllis Corbin Blose and her children Vickie, Bobby, Billy and Clark and also to our cousins Edie Fox, Mike Myers and Connie Myers. God bless you. Love the Donald W. Deitz family

The Donald W. Deitz family - January 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Condolences and prayers go out to the Burns family during this time of sorrow. The Porter Twp. community has lost a great lady who always made you feel welcome and important to her. God Bless!

Rick Stewart - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My sympathies are with your family at this time. Mary Alice was a wonderful presence in our church and community. Besides being a friend of Kathy's she was my Sunday School teacher. Later she told me that Linda Wagner wanted to be an angel. What a wonderful memories I have!!!

Linda Wagner Kalata - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our condolences from our family to yours. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.

Andrea Smith & family - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. We enjoyed meeting Mary Alice. She lived a full and active life with many stories to tell.

Pat & Debbie Sallustio - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM