



Bernice M. Imbrock

June 1, 1931 - December 9, 2013

OBITUARY FOR BERNICE IMBROCK June 1.1931 - December 9, 2013

Bernice (Purdon) second of four daughters born to Clarence and Elsie (Meyfarth) Purdon in Detroit, Michigan died peacefully at her home near Napoleon at 12:55 PM in her eighth week of Henry County Hospice care. In Bernie's early high school years the family moved from Detroit's east side to Mt. Clemens from where she moved on to Capital University, Columbus, OH. She completed her degree in education and also met Norman Imbrock there. Bernie taught one year at Circleville, OH before marrying Norm on August 8, 1954. Their marriage was solemnized at St. John's Lutheran church, New Baltimore, MI with Pastors George Daschner and George Hueter presiding. The newly married couple moved to St. Mark's Lutheran church in Butler, PA, for a year of internship before returning for their final year of training for the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Seminary of Columbus. During those first two years of marriage Bernie taught in Pennsylvania and Ohio junior high and high schools.

Norm graduated from the seminary and received a call to Overseas Missions in 1956. But before traveling overseas to Papua New Guinea they both studied linguistics for eight weeks in Grand Forks, ND with Summer Institute of Linguistics in association with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Bernie and Norm traveled to Papua New Guinea in October of 1956 and served there as a missionary team with the ELC-PNG until 1987 when they

returned to the U.S. Then they served Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Patchogue, Long Island, NY where Bernie taught pre-school for 5 years before retiring as a teacher in 1992. Norm retired from full-time ministry in 1997 before they moved back to CrissCross Farm in September 2000. The couple was blessed with the birth of two sons and two daughters; Matthew and Valerie (Fry) Imbrock of Tieton, WA, Timothy and Carol (Finley) Imbrock of Nampa, ID, Naomi and David Radke of Brisbane, Queensland-Australia, and Joanna and Chris Peters of St. Paul, MN.

Bernie is survived by two sisters; Roberta Purdon of Ann Arbor, MI and Patricia Hamby (and husband Jim) of Indianapolis, IN. Preceding Bernie in death was her older sister, Janet Eastman of Newberry, MI and one grandchild; Trevor Imbrock of Ely, MN.

There are ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Visitation will be at Rodenberger funeral home on December 18 from 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm with funeral services at 11:00am on December 19 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (on Adams Ridge road) with Pastor Robbie Ketcham presiding. Burial will be at the cemetery of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

Memorials may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge Defiance) or to Hospice of Henry County.

We all look forward to Jesus' presence who has taken away the sting of death from us.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

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Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)
02454 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

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“ Karen Ranzenberger purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Bernice M. Imbrock.



Karen Ranzenberger - December 17, 2013 at 03:18 PM

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“ I enjoyed my short time with Bernice. She was so knowledgeable, and even though her hearing was impaired, we were able to communicate back and forth. We both learned something during my short time with her. She talked about her life, her family's lives as well as going to be with the Lord.

Helen Hesterman, Volunteer - December 16, 2013 at 05:25 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bernice M. Imbrock.



December 16, 2013 at 01:15 PM

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“ We enjoyed knowing Bernie an Norm while in New Guinea an then again in 1990 when they came to Farmersburg, IA for a mission get together with us and Ted and May Ager. I always remember her lovely smile.

Ben and Loretta Davis - December 15, 2013 at 05:24 PM