



## Bernice I. (Neufer) Harris Rickards

May 11, 1916 - November 5, 2013

Bernice I. (Neufer) Harris Rickards, 97, of Lightstreet, died early Tuesday morning, November 5th, 2013 at Emeritus at Bloomsburg where she had been a resident since December 2010.

Born May 11, 1916 in Centre Township, she was a daughter of the late Charles E. Neufer, who died May 7, 1965 and Nora (Keller) Neufer, who died Oct, 4, 1983.

She attended the Hidlay School, Centre School and the Orangeville Vocational High School where she graduated in 1934.

Mrs. Rickards had been employed by Milco Industries in Bloomsburg in her younger years. Later she worked as a custodian for the Centre School in North Centre Twp., was the tax collector for North Centre Twp and also had worked as a clerk in some Bloomsburg area stores.

She was a member of Hidlay Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid Society of the Church. She was also a member of the Lightstreet Garden Club.

Years ago she was a member of the Neufer family band. She was also an avid Phillies fan.

Surviving are her two children: William E. Harris and his wife, Wanda, of Great Falls, Montana; Alice J. Beishline and her husband, Franklin, of Bloomsburg; her step children: Jean Kling, of NJ; Girard Rickards and his wife, Joanne, of SC; Sandra Bursey of SC; her grandchildren: Kimberly Brinks and her husband, James; Kelly Maner and her husband, Bryon; Monica Harris; Molly Ramos and Ryan Harris; her great grandchildren: Katie Harris, Jonathan Maner, Kelsey Brinks, Lia Maner, Olivia Brinks, John Ramos and Andrew Ramos. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands: Fred Eugene Harris on August 19, 1951 and Charles S. Rickards, Jr. on May 8, 1966; her companion, Bruce Seybert on December 17, 1996; a step son, Charles S. Rickards III; her 5 sisters: Edith Warr, Marian Neufer, Geraldine Harris, Ellen Neufer and Lillian Young.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 8th, 2013 at 11 A. M. at the Hidlay Lutheran Church with the Rev. Melody Sell, her Pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hidlay Cemetery. A Viewing will be held Friday morning from 10 AM until the time of the Service at the Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Hidlay Lutheran Church, c/o Cleta Robbins, S. R. 93, Orangeville, PA 17859.

# Cemetery Details

## Hidlay Cemetery

North Centre Twp., PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hidlay Lutheran Church  
179 Hidlay Church Rd  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

## Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our thoughts and prayers for the loss of Bernice. She was a sweet lady, and we loved helping her with her hearing needs. Sorry for your loss.  
*The staff of ACE Hearing Centers*

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*Thank you so much for expressing your thoughts and prayers. We will miss her dearly.*

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