



## Maureen Joy (Bennett) Sulitka

December 8, 1939 - November 5, 2014

Maureen Joy (Bennett) Sulitka, 74, of Elk Grove Road, Benton, died Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital Emergency Room after being stricken ill at her home.

Born December 8, 1939 in Hanover Township, she was a daughter of the late John A. and Mildred (Love) Bennett. She and her beloved husband, Robert J. Sulitka, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on August 20th.

Maureen was born and raised in Hanover Township and was a graduate of Hanover Township High School, Class of 1957 where she was active in numerous school plays and musicals. Dancing was her dream.

She enjoyed life and spent many hours in the outdoors with her animals. She was most happy when her children visited or called her. She enjoyed spending time with her friends in the Central area and also Lightstreet Bingo. Maureen was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Central, the Church that she loved. She served on numerous committees within the church and had been active in the "Breath of Heaven" Pageant. She was also a volunteer for the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She enjoyed all activities until she became ill.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, Bob, are her children: David J. Austin

and his wife, Susan, of Worcester, Mass.; Robert Sulitka and his wife, Marbee, of Kingston; Colleen C. Kustrin and her husband, Joseph, of Lehman; George E. Sulitka and his wife, Debra, of Plymouth; James M. Austin, of Swoyersville; Jeremy J. Austin and his wife, Meredith, of Lehman; 10 grandchildren; 1 great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John "Jack" Bennett.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 11 AM at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton (S. R. 487) with the Rev. Howard W. Leh, her pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Gabriel's Cemetery, Sugarloaf Township. A Viewing will be held Monday from 10 AM until the time of the Service at McMichael's. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Christ United Methodist Church, c/o Rev. Howard W. Leh, 605 Camp Lavigne Road, Benton, PA 17814.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Gabriel's Cemetery

Sugarloaf Twp.  
Benton, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Bob and family- condolences to all of you for your loss; thoughts and prayers to you.

*Mary Dempsey Valentukonis & Family*

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**mary** - November 09, 2014 at 12:23 AM

DE

“ Grandma Sulitka we will miss you and we will always love you in our hearts. From Derek, Jared and Debra and George Sulitka. Condolences from the Weaver Family at such a time there isn't much that anyone can say but many thoughts go out to you in sympathy today and many hearts are hoping you'll find strength and comfort too in knowing others share the loss of the one so dear to you. So sorry for your loss from the Weaver Family.



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**Derek** - November 07, 2014 at 09:14 PM

KI

“ Sorry for your loss.



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**kim** - November 07, 2014 at 06:15 PM

PA

“ Patrick Austin lit a candle in memory of  
Maureen Joy (Bennett) Sulitka



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Patrick Austin - November 07, 2014 at 01:15 PM

CP

“ Bob and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Maureen was such a  
nice person and caring person. She will be  
missed.



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Cassie Petroski - November 07, 2014 at 01:12 PM

GS

“ Sweet Maureen, you will be missed in so many ways. I'm glad that  
us Hanover Twp.girls ended up living in the same area so we were  
able to share our last days together in these beautiful mountains,  
surrounded by the beauty of it all. I will miss you sitting in your spot  
in church close by me....I always loved the way you and Bob would  
always hold hands.....LY  
Gail Stark

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gail stark - November 07, 2014 at 10:51 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Maureen and I had a wonderful relationship over the years and I shall miss her very much!

*Sincerely,*

*Audrey Zinman*

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**Deb DeBonis** - November 07, 2014 at 09:35 AM



Meredith Austin

“ Meredith Austin lit a candle in memory of Maureen Joy (Bennett) Sulitka



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**Meredith Austin** - November 07, 2014 at 09:11 AM