



Bernice E. Perry

June 17, 1913 - August 23, 2008

Bernice E. Perry, 95, of Anderson, went home to be with the Lord early Saturday morning at Miller's Merry Manor in Chesterfield.

She was born June 17, 1913 in Anderson, a daughter of the late Frank O. and Martha "Mattie" (Condon) Williams.

Bernice worked for almost 20 years at Delco Remy and then married George D. Perry and together they owned and operated Perry's Market on 8th Street. She graduated from Apex Beauty School in 1950 and operated Bernie's Salon, behind Perry's Market, retiring in 1981 from both businesses. She was a member of East Lynn Christian Church, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, The Red Hat Society and was a founding member of the XI Chapter of Delta Sigma Kappa. She treasured her family and friends and lived life to the fullest. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Frank Perry and friend Louis Collis, many nieces and nephews; great nieces and great nephews; and a close friend, Carla Beatty.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George D. Perry, a step-son, George D. Perry Jr.; three brothers and five sisters.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2008 in East Maplewood Cemetery with Pastor Susan Cameron officiating.

Friends may call from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at East Lynn Christian Church and join the procession to the cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Arrangements are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Recreation Department at Miller's

Merry Manor in Chesterfield.

The family would like to express their gratitude to all of the staff and service providers at Miller's Merry Manor in Middletown and Chesterfield, as well as the staff of Longfellow Plaza. Mrs. Perry was especially grateful to be a patient of Dr. John Woodall, and appreciated his service.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am the wife of Stephen Williams and I have grown to love Bernice very much. I did not know her during the days when she was so active with her husband, family and communtiy. I did get to know her stories of her life and cheerish each one of them.

Stephen loved Bernice with all his heart. He would take her on mini trips in Anderson so she could see a little part of her past and see how things have changed so much. She would point out houses and business and would take us back to that time when she she was there.

Stephen and I helped in the care of Bernice the last several years and enjoyed every part of it. It was not a chore for us but an honor to be there and share her life with her. Our two children loved to visit Bernice and share with her their activities, she could not wait to hold them in her arms and give them big hugs.

We will deeply miss Bernice in our daily life, but we know that she is happy as she and George are together once again(the love of her life).

Connie Williams

Connie Williams - August 26, 2008 at 08:49 AM

MR

“ I have so many special and wonderful memories of my Aunt Bernice! The summers my family spent in Anderson were like heaven to us. George and Bernie's store had wooden floors, a screen door that squeaked when you opened it and shelves and coolers filled with wonders we didn't have in Michigan- YooHoo, long sticks of pepperoni, frozen milk shakes. My brother, sister and I would come in, George would hand us each a brown bag and tell us to fill it up with everything we wanted! Back at Bernice's house, we'd stay up late eating, looking at family pictures and hearing family stories. Aunt Bernice's Beauty Salon was also a special place. My sister, Susie and I loved to play with all the curlers, hairclips, mixtures and spin in the chairs. Aunt Bernice was one of the rare people who loved unconditionally. She'd hug you, give you one of her shining smiles, call you "babydoll" and you knew that no matter what you did or where you went in this world, she would love you! I've been told my entire life that I look like Bernice, that my personality is like hers, and every time I heard that, I was happy and proud. She was beautiful, funny, sweet, loving and a truly good person. I miss her. She's with all the people she loved who went before her--Mom. Pop, Kenneth, Bobby, Lola, Nila and my mom-Joan. And what a welcome home party they must be having!

Marty Rogers - August 24, 2008 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ I am one of Aunt Bernie's nieces, the oldest daughter of her beloved youngest sister Joan. My brother Scott and sister Marty adored Aunt Bernie, and will always remember the fun we had with her when visiting Perry's market and the beauty salon when we were children. Aunt Bernie was funny and loving and kind and generous, and we will miss her with all our hearts. My husband John and daughter Amelia and I were happy to have been out to see Aunt Bernice 2 years ago. I know her family was so happy to finally greet her at Heaven's Gate, having missed her all these many years. We love you, Aunt Bernice--and we will see you again. God bless you--rest in peace.

Susie Rogers Cassidy - August 24, 2008 at 11:41 AM