



Eva G. Sweitzer

October 3, 1934 - March 17, 2016

Eva G. (Merrill) Sweitzer, 81, of Alexandria and formerly of Sayre, PA, went home to be with the Lord on the afternoon of Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Community Hospital in Anderson.

She was born October 3, 1934 in Athens, PA, a daughter of the late Charles and Alberta (Arnold) Merrill. Eva's mother died when Eva was nine years old, and she was raised by her step-mother, Helen (Lindsay) Merrill.

Eva graduated from Athens High School in 1952. She married the love of her life, Paul Sweitzer, on July 23, 1955, and together they enjoyed nearly 61 years of marriage.

She worked as a typesetter for many years at the Evening-Times in Sayre, PA and at The Train Station Restaurant. Eva also worked in the lunch room at the Tioga Center Christian School in Tioga Center, NY and in recent years at Ousley's Harvest Gardens in Alexandria. Eva served on the Election Board of Bradford County, PA for many years. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, and anything involving her family. Eva loved people and was known as "Grams" to all. She attended the Muncie Pilgrim Nazarene Church with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving husband, Paul W.

Sweitzer; two daughters, Tina (husband: Roger) Fox of Alexandria and Jill (husband: Kenneth) Dove of New Creek, WV; five grandchildren, Brenda (husband: Shane) Gardner of Newport News, VA, Heather Fox, Esq., Melissa (husband: Ben) Carmichael, Jonathan Fox, and Elizabeth Fox all of Alexandria; three step-grandsons, Kenneth (wife: Ana) Dove of Leesburg, VA, James Dove and Isaiah Reynolds both of Keyser, WV; seven great-grandchildren, Allison Gardner, Breanna, Dallas and Braden Carmichael, Drew Gardner, Clayton and Marissa Carmichael; two step-great-grandchildren, Kamila and Kameron Dove; a sister, Eileen (husband: Jack) Shedd of Sayre, PA and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and step-mother, Eva was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Abigail Renee Fox; four brothers, Raymond Merrill, Clayton "LaVerne" Merrill, Wallace "Wally" Merrill, and Ralph "Red" Merrill; a sister, Lucille Young and a step-sister, Louise Merrill.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Pilgrim Nazarene Church, 811 East 26th Street, Muncie, with Pastor Scott Turner officiating. Burial will follow in the IOOF Cemetery in Alexandria.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 4 – 8 p.m. at the church and an hour prior to the service Monday.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Memorial offerings may be made to the Pilgrim Nazarene Church to assist with funeral expenses.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Eva Sweitzer.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F Cemetery

851 S. Park Ave.
Alexandria, IN 46001

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Muncie Pilgrim Nazarene Church
815 East 26th St.
Muncie, IN 47302

Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT SO GLAD SHE IS PERFECTLY HEALED IN HEAVEN. MAY GOD COMFORT AND ENCOURAGE YOU THROUGH THIS TIME.
DOUG AND TONI HESS

Doug and Toni Hess - March 19, 2016 at 02:36 PM

FD

“ We have fond memories of Eva through the years- She will be remembered for her fun loving ways, laughter and big smile. Thoughts and prayers to all of you as you say good-bye. Heaven is a richer place today... Francis and Phyllis Donovan

Francis and Phyllis Donovan - March 19, 2016 at 12:57 PM

TF

“ The Reynolds Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Eva G. Sweitzer.



The Reynolds Family - March 19, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RW

“ *The Sweitzer family were a huge part of my life as a small child. Eva was always full of mischief and loved to pull a practical joke or two at any gathering we had. Eva would always take all of us kids on sled riding excursions at our house or mutual friends farms. We spent many hours ice skating and playing in the snow. Eva was always up for a board game or playing a card game for hours. Eva was full of joy and happiness, always laughing or causing you to laugh. She was a person, no matter how long it had been since you had seen each other you could pick up like it was yesterday. Eva will be dearly missed, but I know where she is and I am looking forward to playing another board game with her. My heart goes out to Paul, Tina and Jill. I pray for God to wrap his comforting arms around you and give you peace.*

Raymond Willson - March 19, 2016 at 10:13 AM

RC

My heart goes out to you, Roger and Tina and family for having two deaths so close . We have the reassurance that you will meet them again . Jill, my condolences to you and your husband. It is hard to lose a mother no matter what age you are. I remember lots of fun times with Eva and all of you! I also remember the stories about Eva when she was younger. She just loved practical jokes! Glad that the Lord helps through the grief. Love you all.

Ruth Crouch - March 19, 2016 at 05:31 PM

NB

Eva was always smiling. We have memories of her at the Sayre PH Church and Binghamton Camp. When we met up with her again at Beulah Grove Camp she was still smiling even though age had taken a toll and she couldn't remember everything. We extend our sympathies to the family. Norman and Eileen Blowers

Norman and Eileen Blowers - March 19, 2016 at 07:02 PM

CW

“ I haven't known Eva for very long, but for the time that I have known her I found her to be very sweet. I remember when she brought a toad to church in a peanut butter jar because she thought the kids would like it. They did until she decided to take the lid of and almost releasing it (Tina to save the day took it outside). The toad must of liked it because it was still outside after church for the kids to enjoy. She will be missed. Sending my love to the family and to heaven were I know she is.

Candi Wright - March 19, 2016 at 08:29 AM

CW

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you at the loss of your mother, grandmother, sister. We have so many wonderful memories of Eva and her humor, laughter, teasing and sweet kind heart. I cannot believe anyone would leave a room that she was in without a smile on their face and a lift in their heart. Eva was a wonderful spirited person. Until we meet again. God Bless you Sweitzer family.
Claudia Willson & Elnora Willson

Claudia Willson - March 19, 2016 at 12:26 AM