

Bernice V. Brehe

1933 - 2013 Obituary Condolences



Bernice Verna Brehe, nee Schneider, 80, Owensville, passed away Tuesday, Dec, 31, 2013, at Hermann Area District Hospital, surrounded by family.

Bernice, daughter of the late Albert Schneider and wife Sophia, was born Oct. 3, 1933, in Cooper Hill. She was united in marriage to Reuben A.J. Brehe Sept. 13, 1953, at St. Paul Evangelical and Reform Church, Cooper Hill. They resided on the Brehe family farm near Drake for more than 50 years. Following Reuben's death in 2004, Bernice remained in residence at the Brehe family farm, now known more formally as Brehe Valley Farm. There she lived in the care of her daughter and family, and caregiver, Cindy Printy.

Bernice was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Evangelical and Reform Church, Cooper Hill. Following her marriage, she became a member of St. James United Church of Christ Charlotte at Drake, where she taught children's Sunday school and participated in the choir and women's fellowship. She also was a member of the V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary, Owensville Post 6133, life member of the Gasconade County Bible Society, member of the Gasconade County Historical Society and worked many Gasconade County voting polls.

Bernice's many other lifetime accomplishments involved not the success of herself, but those around her, as she worked as a loving mother, caregiver, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, cook, baker and farmer's wife. Also their business, Reuben Brehe Auctioneering Service's success was derived through Bernice's hard work.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Reuben Brehe; parents, Albert and Sophia Schneider; one granddaughter, Angel Thomas; one great-grandson, Deacon Brehe; one brother, Edsel Schneider; and two sisters, Alvera Griechen and Viola DeVogt.

From her marriage union were born four children, Keith Brehe, Prim, Ark., Keva Limberg and husband Dennis, Owensville, Kerry Brehe and wife Karen, Union, and Kelly Thomas and husband Dale, Owensville; 10 grandchildren, Brian Brehe and wife Jessica, Christina Armacost and husband Austin, Adam Brehe and wife Amy, Jacob Limberg, Chad Limberg and wife Jamie, Nicholas Brehe, Kaitlyn Brehe, Joshua Brehe, Johannah Thomas and Lance Thomas; six great-grandchildren, Emma Brehe, Riley Brehe, Gunner Brehe, Brooklynn Armacost, Gavin Smith, Reagan Brehe, and a future baby Limberg on the way. Bernice is also survived by three sisters, Lavern Brandhorst and husband Elmer, Orpha Schulte and Evelyn Niebruegge; three sisters-in-law, Vida Mehroff, Florence Schaefferkoetter and husband Eddie, and Esther Hackman; as well as many other family and friends. She also leaves behind her loving dog, Jack.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 6, at St. James United Church of Christ, Charlotte, with the Rev. Laura Yurs officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be given to Schneider Cemetery or St. James U.C.C. Charlotte Church.

The Brehe family is being served by Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

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