



Bernice Anna Murphy

July 14, 1924 - June 14, 2020

Bernice Anna Doettling Murphy

Age 95, of Manassas, VA, passed away at her home on June 14, 2020.

She was born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Frederick Ernest and Catharine Elizabeth (Keenan) Doettling. Following graduation in 1942 from Simon Gratz High School, she was encouraged by friends to “GO NORTH, young woman,” and she did. Bernice became a federal contract employee (bookkeeper) and moved to the last frontier, Alaska. There she met Army sergeant Joe Murphy, and the couple was joined in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony at Ft.

Richardson Army Post on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1953. Bernice followed her Joe as a faithful Army wife around the world, embracing her vocation of wife, mother and homemaker with great love and joy. Following Joe’s demise in 1996 at their home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, Bernice came to Manassas to be near her children. She was an avid scrapbooker, having compiled a photographic family history spanning more than 100 years. Fondly known in later years as “GG” (Great Grandmother), Bernice was a devout Catholic and spent many hours studying the faith, in prayer and enjoying EWTN. She passionately loved her family and will be sorely missed, but always in our hearts.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 3 (Ret.) Joe Murphy, a Vietnam veteran and Army aviator, and her sister, Nancy West. She is survived by children, Susan (John) Titus, of Manassas, VA; Timothy (Francine) Murphy, of Houma, LA; Carol (Chris) Horten; and Dennis (Janet)

Murphy, of Manassas, VA; six grandchildren, Tuesday, Kristi, John IV, Casey, Katherine and Erin, and great grandchildren, Benni Ann, Lucas Timothy, Charlie Katherine, Victoria Grace, Alexandra Hope and Kai Ronin, as well as many nieces and nephews, all of whom were dearly loved.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA, with interment to follow at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

In lieu of flowers, it was Bernice's request that donations be made to any children's hospital.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall.
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.*

*The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.*

*You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.*

*“We have loved her during life; let us not abandon her, until we have
conducted her by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” ST
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The Chris and Carol Horten family



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“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Grandma Bernice. Our hearts go out to all of you in your time of sorrow. From Colleen & Cory Heck and Gabrielle & Caden Lovell



Colleen Heck - June 19, 2020 at 07:16 PM

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Mom and Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, GG

Cherish your family for they are your treasure,

A storehouse of riches,

Wealth beyond measure.

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Bernice's Joe and children

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Bernice and Joe at home

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Janet Murphy - June 18, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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Sisters Nancy Doettling West and Bernice Doettling Murphy, Hidden Valley Ranch, Lake Luzerne, NY.

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Bernice and children, Lourdes, France

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Bernice and children in 1957 passport photo for overseas assignment to Munich, Germany.

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They also serve, who only stand and wait.

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