



Bertha M Heisey (Sollenberger)

February 6, 1923 - September 24, 2014

Bertha Mae Sollenberger Heisey, 91, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She was born on February 6, 1923 in Guilford Springs, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Avery L. and Frances H. (Wingert) Sollenberger.

In her youth, Bertha was a member of the Air Hill Brethren in Christ congregation of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. From 1968 to 2003 she was a member of the Green Spring Spring Brethren in Christ Church in Newville, Pennsylvania. When she moved to Menno Village in 2003, she returned to Air Hill, the church of her youth.

Until finishing grade 8 she was a student at the Culbertson Schoolhouse, and then attended Messiah Academy in Grantham, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1941.

Her work life included the Christian Light Press and the Dean's Office at Messiah College, and then many years helping to run the family farm, first in Gardners, and then later in Newville. She also raised five children.

Bertha enjoyed the many duties of farm life, running a busy household, and motherhood, including sewing, growing bountiful food in the garden and preparing it for her family, raising various animals for the family's needs,

fostering music in family life, and most of all, cultivating her spiritual life. Her relationship with the Lord was a vivid part of her daily life, and affected her family deeply in many ways.

Bertha is survived by her son Adriel R. Heisey of Gallup, New Mexico; daughter Aspen F. Heisey of Guelph, Ontario, Canada; daughter Frances L. Drost, of Newville, Pennsylvania; daughter-in-law Nancy G. Crider of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; granddaughter Crystal L. Dailey of York, Pennsylvania; granddaughter Kelly J. Albert of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania; granddaughter D. Paige Boersma of Toronto, Canada; grandson Kjell J. Boersma of Toronto, Canada; step-granddaughter Shea Shochat of Seattle, Washington; step-grandson Orin P. Shochat of Santa Monica, California; seven great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson and brother Avery Sollenberger of Hanover, Pennsylvania; and twenty nieces and nephews.

Bertha was preceded in death by her first husband Paul D. Crider (1947), her second husband H. Orville Heisey (2001), son P. Douglas Crider (1973), son Nathan C. Heisey (1966), father Avery L. Sollenberger (1974), mother Frances H. (Wingert) Sollenberger (1976), brother Vernon Sollenberger (1919), brother Kenneth Sollenberger (1927), and brother Chester Sollenberger (1990).

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 28 at the Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church, with Dr. Marion J. Heisey officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made to Roxbury Holiness Camp, Roxbury, Pennsylvania

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Bertha M Heisey (Sollenberger), please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ Dear Adriel and Family, Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a very kind soul and I always enjoyed talking to her on her visits to my shop. She was definitely a tiller of the soil and enjoyed the Earth that was created by her Lord. Nature and all of its beauty, all that is a gift from our Lord was truly appreciated and cared for by your Mother's hands. I will always remember the wonderful raspberries your Dad brought to my shop. May you receive peace in knowing they safely resting in the arms of Jesus.

Keith Pomraning - October 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Family,
When sometimes we feel we cannot endure any longer. It is comforting to turn to God's word there is where we can find real hope and comfort. The Bible writer Paul offered hope of relief from that "last enemy," death. He wrote: "Death is to be brought to nothing." "The last enemy to be abolished is death"
[1CORINTHIANS 15:26] Why could Paul be so sure of this? Because he had been taught by the one who had been raised up from the dead, Jesus Christ. That is also why Paul could write: "Since death is through a man [Adam], Resurrection of the dead is also through a man {Jesus Christ}. For just as in Adam all are dying, also in the Christ all will be made alive."-1CORINTHIANS 15:21,22; What such hope God has given us after all.
Sincerely Yours, Judy L.

Judy L. - September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Heisey family,
I am a community volunteer. I know you do not know me personally but I wanted to share a few thoughts from the bible that encouraged me greatly when my grandma died. In John 5:28,29 it says "Do not be amazed at this for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." We have the wonderful hope of seeing our loved ones again. How do we know this will really happen? In the Bible there are numerous resurrection accounts recorded for us. One was Jesus friend Lazarus. These accounts were just a glimpse of what he will do on a far grander scale in the future.

Kelsey Stanley - September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I went to Air Hill BIC Church with Bertha a few years ago. She welcomed us so warmly from the first day we met her. She is the first woman that pops in my mind when someone asks " what is an example of a real CHRISTian disciple ". I think she had the Bible memorized. She will always be a blessing.

Marty Kelly - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Bertha is an amazing woman. She is a great example of how in the midst of many trials Jesus is always there. She relied on Him and her life was the best testimony of being a strong woman of God. It was a gift to know her and to hear her many stories of God's faithfulness. She is dearly loved by all. I thank Jesus for bringing her into our lives.

Debbie Kelly - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM