

Obituary

Born: Monday, March 19, 1928

Died: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Bernice Irene (Beck) Bolinger, age 93, of Ripley, N.Y., passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at UPMC Hamot. She was born on March 19, 1928 in Burnside Township, Clearfield County, Pa. to the late Hale Harley and Gertrude Alice (Leamer) Beck. Bernice lived in Burnside Township, Pa. until the age of 16 and then moved to Titusville, Pa., where she worked as a waitress. After relocating to Erie, Pa., she was employed by General Electric on the refrigeration line in building 18 where she met her future husband, John Bolinger. Once married, they moved to Ripley, N.Y. on North State Street and then Lombard Road where she was formerly employed by Kofoed Farm. There, she managed the office, picked, tied, and wired in the grape vineyards and attended to the beef farm as well. Throughout Bernice's life, she was a hard worker and loved her family. She will be missed by all that loved and knew her. Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Bolinger; son, Terry Lynn Bolinger; and stepdaughter, Linda Abernatha. She is survived by her children, Thomas Gerald Bolinger, Roy Gene Bolinger (Deborah), David Paul Bolinger, Jeffery Jan Bolinger (Allision), and John Stephen Bolinger (Tammy); also 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home, 65 South Lake Street, North East on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and are invited to attend a graveside service on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the East Ripley Cemetery. Officiating the service is Rev. Mike Freligh. Memorials may be made to the Ripley Hose Company, 15 South State Street, Ripley, NY, 14775. Please send condolences to elkinfh.com.

Service Summary

Visitation

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Tue Apr 20, 2021

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

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Graveside Service

11:00 AM Wed Apr 21, 2021

Location: - *Not available* -