



Edna H. Bender Our "Beloved Mammaw"

Edna H. Bender, a lifelong resident of Millersville, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on December 21, 2008 with her loving family at her side. She was 95 years young.

Edna was born in Strasburg Twp., one of 7 children to the late Benjamin K. Sangrey and Susan H. Sangrey. She graduated from Manor Twp. High School and received a special certificate in the Palmer Method of Business Writing. She was married to her beloved husband, Charles M. Bender, for 62 years until his death in 2005. They had two children, Larry Richard and Sandra Faye.

She worked at Central Market selling her fresh grown produce, flowers, and baked goods. She also was a Seamstress, a Gardener and a Baker's Assistant at Rhoda Brackbill's Bakery in Millersville.

Edna will be remembered throughout her community for her infectious smile, her servant's heart and her quick witt. She was an outstanding homemaker, known for her talents in crocheting, sewing, baking and gardening. Her visitors would always be welcomed with fresh baked goodies and a story about her latest endeavor. She answered the Lord's calling by always using these talents to serve others. During her 62 years as a member of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church in Millersville, Edna was a member of the Grace Evangelical Missionary Society where she participated in a sewing circle. She made dresses, shirts, toys, bed pads, and rolled bandages for the children of the American Leprosy Mission and made Bible bags for missionaries. She was also a member of the church's EverReady Society.

She served more than 25 years on the Ladies Auxiliary at Millersville Fire Co.; she was a member and also served on the board of the Millersville Council of Aging, and the Millersville Women's Club where she was able to spread God's love throughout Millersville.

She lived life to the fullest even at a vibrant 95. She attended the E-town Senior Center and then the Landis Home Adult Day Program where she continued to exercise, play bingo, socialize, and warm the hearts of those around her.

Edna's greatest pride & joy were her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Faye Weit, of Lancaster, four grandchildren, Tammy Bleacher-Bartlett, whom Edna and Charles raised, wife of James Bartlett, of Lancaster, Stephanie, wife of Scott Gebhard, of Millersville, Kimberly, wife of Lewis Corlew, II, of Florida, and Ronald Weit, of Lancaster; seven great grandchildren, Neal and Nick Corlew, Selest, Seth, Savannah, and Stephan Gebhard; and Giselle Bleacher Bartlett. She was preceded in death by Larry Richard Bender (stillborn son), three brothers, Landis, Willis and Davis Sangrey; and three sisters, Mary Breighner, Cora Breneman and Verna Sauder.

Unbeknownst to her, the legacy she left behind is the gift of a servant's heart to her daughter, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, which will continue to live on forever.

We love you, we miss you, and you will be forever in our hearts. Thank you for being such a special part of lives!

Funeral Services will be at Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, 22 Kready Ave-nue, Millersville, PA 17551, on Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 2 PM with Rev. J. Kenneth LeFever officiating. Interment will be in the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may view at the church on Sunday between 1 and 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Edna's memory to the Grace Evangelical Congregational Church in Millersville. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at:

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