

Bernice Hallstead Cox



Bernice Hallstead Cox, formerly of Millersville, PA, passed away March 13, 2014 at St. Anne's Retirement Community. She was a Coast Guard WWII veteran and the wife of the late Robert C. Cox, a Navy WWII veteran. She was a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church.

Bernice's life spanned from growing up on a farm, owning her own beauty shop, enlisting in the US Armed Services, raising a family in Iowa for 10 years, to working at Engle Hambright & Davies, the Lancaster County Courthouse, and the Lancaster County Republican Headquarters. After she enlisted and completed boot camp, she was trained at Burdett School of Business, Boston, MA to serve in the US Coast Guard Women's Reserve SPARs unit in NYC. At the end of the war, the SPARs were demobilized. She was a member of the Blue Mountain Waves. Bernice always believed in serving her country and for many years served as a Millersville Republican Committee Person and Judge of Elections.

Bernice was the mother of Robert Cox, Elaine Gouba, Mary McLane, Sharon Young, John Cox, and Kathryn Androski. She is survived by 18 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 9 brothers and sisters. She was an avid bridge and pinochle player and loved golfing with her family and friends.

In celebration of her life, a memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 20th, at 4:00 PM at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 2:30 PM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory are appreciated and can be sent to any of the following: Highland Presbyterian Church, St. Anne's Retirement Community, or Millersville Freedom Memorial Park. These addresses (along with additional family information) can be found on her "online obituary" located on our website.