



Bertha E. "Bertie" Long

January 15, 2020

Bertha "Bertie" Elizabeth Long, age 95, of Monroeville, passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. She was born on July 18, 1924 to Joseph John Schwerha II and Susan Agnes (Shestko) Schwerha in Monesson, Pennsylvania. She graduated from West Newton High School. She earned her Associates degree from Allegheny Community College and her Bachelors degree from the University of Pittsburgh. In November of 1947, she married Robert Daniel Long of West Newton. They were perfect life partners and took many trips together during their 52-year marriage. Her life was filled with many unique experiences. She went back to work when her son was three years old at US Steel Research in Monroeville. She worked as a secretary until the 1980s when she retired. She took care of her husband for nearly 20 years until he passed away from Parkinson's disease in 2000. In later years she enjoyed trips to Naples, Florida with her sister Anna Mae Warrick, brother Dr. Joseph Schwerha III and sister in-law Dorothy. She is preceded in death by both of her siblings and a half sister Mary Antos. Bertie leaves behind a son Robert (Shirley Shikany) Long, of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, David (Chelsea Olson) Long, of Seattle, Michael (Anna Olson) Long and Stephanie Long, of Indianapolis, and Stephanie's boyfriend, Shane Cunneff, of Munich, whom Bertie had not yet met, but spoken to many times; her great grandson, Samuel Edward Long of Seattle and great-granddaughter Naya Estelle Long of Indianapolis. She was anticipating the birth of a second great-grandson in February. Bertie is also survived by sisters in-law Dorothy Schwerha of

Venetia and Marianne Carlson of West Newton, as well as many nieces and nephews. Her neighbor, Eileen Palatas kept a loving and watchful eye on Mom for years. She was a great source of comfort to Mom as her health declined. Bertie's friends from her professional life, church, neighbors, card clubs, and bowling were precious to her. She exuded interest in everyone and enjoyed nothing more than a good conversation. Bertie was a devout Catholic her entire life. Many thanks to all who cared for Mom, particularly her physician, Dr. Stasko and the Gateway Hospice team. They became a second family to Mom these last several months. In her final days, Mom was blessed with additional care from the staff at LGAR in Turtle Creek. The family requests that memorials be directed to North American Martyrs Church or East Suburban Meals on Wheels. Friends will be received Friday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at North American Martyrs Church. Interment following in West Newton Cemetery. www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

West Newton Cemetery

210 Vernon Drive
West Newton, PA 15089

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

North American Martyrs Church
Haymaker Road
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bob and Family.....Our deepest sympathies. Aunt Bertie was a wonderful, caring person...so many memories of visiting everyone in PA when we were young! Love, Beverly & Bill Courtney

William Donald Courtney - January 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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“ Dear Bob & Family...I was so very saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I have SO MANY fond memories of both her and your dad. My mom and I were just talking recently about all of the new year's eve parties, ice skating adventures, and everything else that we shared with you and the Geiger and Wise families. Those days will always be special memories for me and your mom was such a big part of them. I will always remember her playing the perfect hostess and doting over Eileen and me....she was our "Aunt Bertie"...a very special lady who will never be forgotten. God grant her a blessed repose in Heaven. With my deepest condolences...Karen (Timko) Ianni

Karen Ianni - January 16, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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Bertie Long a truly grand lady she will be so missed. I truly enjoyed her friendship Ny deepest sympathy to her wonderful family- Jackie Welch

jjabet (Jackie) Welch - January 17, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Dear Bob and family
I extend my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your loved one. She was a dear friend and over these many years we always kept in touch at Christmas. I have many fond memories of the monthly get togethers and Saturday skating sessions we had with our families. Those were very special times. I'm unable to pay my respects at the Funeral Home due to health issues, but be assured of my prayers in Bertie's behalf. May God grant her a blessed repose. Love - Eleanor Timko*

Eleanor Timko - January 16, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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“ *Bertie and Bob Long were an important part of the O'Neill family. I remember so many get togethers and church events when we were younger. Bertie was always so interested in hearing the latest news about our family members and sharing the latest Long events. She was a gracious and loving woman and we love her. She will live on in our memory. Our sympathy goes out to Bob, Shirley and all of her family and friends.
Mary Anne and Brian Knapp*

Mary Anne (O'Neill) Knapp - January 16, 2020 at 08:08 AM