



## Mary (York) Mertz

April 28, 1930 - May 14, 2013

Mary Ellen (née York) Mertz, of Bucktown Crossing, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Born on April 28, 1930, in Kimberton, she was a daughter of Glenn and Edith York, formerly of Bucks County. Mary Ellen attended Spring City High School and was highly regarded for her scholarship and dependability. For many years she worked in the accounting and sales department of Prizer's Appliance Store in Pughtown and was known for her diligence, attention to detail and congeniality. For over sixty years she was a faithful member of Brownback's United Church of Christ and served in many capacities. Most recently, her volunteer ministries included working in the office, planning and coordinating meals for various functions, and participating on the prayer chain. Never tired of doing good works, she regularly ran errands, provided transportation and meals, and visited those who were in need. Mary Ellen found great joy and pleasure in her large and devoted family. She is survived by her son, Donald Mertz and her daughters, Carol (David) Eckman, Barbara (Edwin) Gott, and Jane (Brian) Piersol. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mary Ellen also leaves behind two sisters and five brothers: Margaret Hibbs of Fredericktown, Linda Barndt of Warrington, Arthur York of Souderton, Edward York of Sun Prairie, WI, Paul York of Mount Horeb, WI, William York of Fountainville, and Ronald York of Warminster. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Glen York, Robert York and Charles York, and one sister, Dorothy York Smiley. Relatives and friends will be received at Brownback's

United Church of Christ, 640 Ridge Road, Spring City, PA, on Saturday, May 18, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Mark Stryjak, assisted by Dr. David Eckman, will officiate at the 11:00 a.m. celebration of Mary Ellen's life and the subsequent burial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered in Mary Ellen's name to Brownback's United Church of Christ at the above address and/or to Becoming What God Intended Ministries, P.O. Box 5246, Pleasanton, CA, 94566. Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at [www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall

WW

“ Dear Mertz Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Our families have been connected in so many ways over the years. It was a pleasure to have known Mrs. Mertz. She was an inspiration to all of us. A quick update: My father, Carl Orner, is now living in a nursing home next to me in Leesburg, Virginia. Kim Orner Hottenstein, my sister, is still living in Lancaster County and working diligently as a kidney dialysis nurse. We would love to hear about your family. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Wendy Orner Young - wendyyoung12@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. I am Ruth Miller's niece and remember going to your place in Spring City to play with Donnie & Janie when I was young. I saw her several times over the years as an adult and she came to my home in Glenmoore when Ruth passed away. She was a very caring person and I know from talking with my aunt that she was so proud of her family. I wish you peace.

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Cindy Christman - christman126@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LE

“ Sorry to hear of your Mother's death. Our sympathies to your families.

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Lyle & Tina Essick - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RR

“ So sorry to read about the passing of a beautiful and wonderful lady. May God be with you in your time of sadness.

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Richard Phenegar - rapjvp26@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always a pleasant and generous person. Unfortunately we just heard of the news and are unable to come to the service. We will always remember her fondly. God Bless you all at this time. We know we will see her again someday in Glory! - Julie and Larry

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**Julie & Larry Deitrick - julialynn30@dejazzd.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM**

BJ

“ The only way our pain is lessen is by knowing Mary Ellen is in the presence of God. Nothing for her could be better then this. She will be so missed! Much love and prayer for comfort goes to her family. Love you all

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**Bill and Betty Jane - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM**

RL

“ To Mary Ellen's entire family: The short time we knew Mary Ellen in our Bible Study at Bucktown Crossing, we grew to love her kind and gentle nature. What a wonderful smile she had. She greatly loved our Lord and was very knowledgeable of the Bible. We will miss her -- she will not be forgotten!! The angels in heaven are rejoicing now with her in heaven. Mary Ellen loved all of you very much and spoke so often of how proud she was of each of her children and grandchildren and of course, the great-grandchildren. We will be praying for you during this time of sadness.

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**Russ & LaVera Wagner - lvrawagner@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM**