

Brown, Joyce B.



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Joyce Bowman Brown, 87, of Lititz and formerly of Mount Joy, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Luther Acres. Born January 29, 1926 in East Penn Twp, in Carbon Co, PA, she was the daughter of the late Clyde A and Irene A. Steigerwalt Bowman. Her late husband of 59 years, Bruce Brown died in October 2003. Joyce is survived by two daughters, Elaine B. Ressler and husband David of Mercersburg and Janis B. Awad and husband Raouf of Mountville; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Jeffery B. Brown (51) in 1998, her brother Curtis Bowman and her sister Jean Bowman.

Joyce graduated from the Steven S. Palmer High School in 1943, where she was taught how to identify the silhouettes of enemy aircraft in her science class. While attending a WWII era radio operator's school in Williamsport, she met the man who would be her husband. After her marriage, Joyce worked as a telephone operator for the former Bell Telephone Co. of PA and NJ and later for the former Columbia Telephone Company of Elizabethtown. Joyce then spent 25 years in the banking industry, starting as a bookkeeper at the former 1st National Bank in Mount Joy and ending as a supervisor of commercial loans at former CoreStates Bank in Lancaster. She was a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy and served two terms on the church council. Joyce also taught Sunday school, and was active in the Lutheran Church's women's group. She was also a member of the Daughters of American Revolution Lancaster Chapter and a former member of Mount Joy Business and Professional Women. Joyce enjoyed quilting, doing crafts, painting and square dancing. She used to travel frequently with her husband and loved to make candy. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Luther Acres Chapel of the Good Samaritan, 400 St. Luke Dr., Lititz PA on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 11 AM. Interment to follow in the Mount Joy Cemetery. There will be no public viewing. The Brown family will receive friends at Luther Acres from 10:30 to 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Salem Luther Church of Kissel Hill, 26 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz PA 17543 or to Alzheimer's Association, 3544 N. Progress Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17110-9638. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy. On line condolences to www.sheetzfuneralhome.com