

## ✓ Bernice Anastasi, 94

April 9, 1920 - Feb. 2, 2015

**HARLAN** — Bernice Irene Weihs, born April 9, 1920 was the daughter of Catherine Stinn and Tony Weihs.

Bernice was united in marriage to Francis Henry Anastasi, born Feb. 19, 1915, son of Henry Anastasi and Theresa VonTersh on Feb. 5, 1940 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Francis and Bernice farmed near Harlan until their retirement in 1976 at which time they moved into the town of Harlan.

In April 1948, Francis and Bernice, opened their hearts and home and became parents to a son they named Dennis Lee born April 19, 1948 and three years later to a daughter they named Vicki Ann, born Aug. 10, 1951. Dennis married Mary Ann Feser on Aug. 29, 1970 and are parents to 3 children; Jason, Jared, and Joseph. Vicki married Ken Bruck on Sept. 12, 1970 and are parents to 3 children: Troy, Amy, and Todd.

Bernice was a loving daughter, wife and mother. She was a caregiver, a very gracious lady and had many friends. She was a member of St. Michaels Guild for many years. But most of all she was a faithful servant to our Lord Jesus Christ. She enjoyed gardening, planting flowers, cooking and baking for her family and most of all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She didn't focus on elaborate or expensive things. She was content and satisfied with what she did have. Instead she focused on what she believed were most important in her life; family, friends and her strong faith in God.

In 1969, Francis and Bernice opened their hearts and home and became foster parents. First to Randy Terrill and later to a family of three children: Ruth, Roxanne and Clarence Hull. On April 9, 1986, Francis died due to serious complications with diabetes and heart disease. Due to Bernice's strong faith in God during this difficult time, she was able to enjoy life again. She continued to travel, even to Europe, gardening, card clubs and road trips to the casinos with her brother, Louis. She was able to live in her home until November 2010 at which time she moved to the Little Flower Haven in Earling where she had the loving care of her granddaughter Amy Hoffmann until Jan. 31, 2015. She was transferred to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan where she passed away on February 2, 2015 at the age of 94 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

When Vicki asked her mom in her last years if she had a happy life, Bernice replied "I have nothing to complain about" That, in essence, was Bernice. She handled her trials as the best she could and the rest she handed over to God.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Francis; parents, Tony and Catherine Weihs of Harlan; brothers, Alfred Weihs who died in WW2, and Louis Weihs of Harlan; sisters, Edna Weihs of Harlan and Marilyn Williamson of Cape Canaveral, FL; parents-in-law, Henry and Theresa Anastasi; brothers and sisters-in-law, Oscar and Evelyn Anastasi of Harlan, Omar and Corine Anastasi of Harlan, Jerald and Angeline Anastasi of California, Dick and Charlette Anastasi of Austin, TX, Al and Maryalce Thomas of Chicago IL, and Ted Anastasi of Harlan. She is survived by her son, Dennis (Mary Ann) Anastasi of Defiance; Vicki Bruck of Harlan; six grandchildren, Troy Bruck, Amy (Bruck) Hoffmann, Todd Bruck, Jason Anastasi, Jared Anastasi, Joseph Anastasi and 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Wilfred (Joann) Weihs of Harlan; sisters, Rita (Jack) Claussen of Harlan and Jo (Mike) Kostenecki of Boise, ID; sister-in-law, Martha Anastasi of Harlan; many nieces and nephews and friends.

Pray for me, at least you my friends

I built no bridges  
I planted no trees  
I erected no buildings  
I earned no Ph.d's  
But I did my best

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, February 6, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Music was provided by John Rosman. Serving as casket bearers were Jason Anastasi, Jared Anastasi, Joseph Anastasi, Troy Bruck, Todd Bruck, and Pat Hoffmann. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery.



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