



Bernita J. Thatcher

April 22, 1936 - April 1, 2026

Bernita Joyce Thatcher, 89, passed away peacefully in her Gibson, Pennsylvania home on April 1, 2026. She was reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Kenneth, who preceded her in 2007; as well as her sister, Geraldine Elbrecht; and brothers, Morgan, Garth, and Douglas Kent.

Bernita is survived by her children, Marjorie (Edward) Sebring, Harry (Mary) Thatcher, and Dawn (D.J.) Meagher; five grandchildren, Michael (Melissa) Thatcher, Jeremy (Stephanie) Thatcher, Natalie (Joshua) Elmer, Cooper Meagher, and Riley Meagher; five great-grandchildren, Lyric, Rhythm, Logan, Emma, and Sadie; a sister-in-law, Lena Kent; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Bernita married “Kennie,” the love of her life, in 1952 and graduated in 1954 from Hallstead High School, while Ken served his country. As a faithful servant, she delighted in leading prayer and being a long-time member of the Gibson United Methodist Church where she led many to grow in faith through her example. She devoted her life to her husband, children, and grandchildren, who all adored her. “Bea” warmly welcomed family and friends into her home

for a delicious meal or treat, delightful conversation, smiles, and laughter. Whether enjoying ice cream, spending time working on puzzles, or singing and dancing in the kitchen, she found happiness in life's sweetest details and simplest pleasures. She loved gardening, knitting, crocheting, baking, and playing games. Bernita brought joy to so many and will be dearly missed.

Harry and Marjorie are grateful for Dawn's presence in their Mom's day-to-day care for the last several years. The family also wishes to express their appreciation to Hospice of the Sacred Heart and her caregivers, Mary Pat Freitag, Tracy Grennell, Colleen King, and Colleen Wilkes, who made it possible for her to remain in her home for the last two weeks of her journey.

A private interment ceremony will be held at the Gibson Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy

can be made in the form of a donation to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 53 Glenmaura Blvd,

Moosic, PA 18507 or to the Harford Volunteer Fire Department, 142 Fair Hill Road, P.O. Box

206, Harford, PA 18823.

Cemetery Details

Gibson Cemetery

Gibson, PA

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *One of the most nurturing people I've ever know. Goodbye aunt Bea and God bless...*
Nephew Mark

Mark Kent - April 07 at 04:23 PM

MF

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to care for Bea and support your family. I will cherish the memories we made as we walked her final journey with your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Mary Pat Freitag - April 05 at 10:22 AM

DM

“ *Harry and Mary. So sorry for your loss*

Doreen Moat - April 05 at 08:58 AM

MR

“ *Marty And Terrie Reed lit a candle in memory of Bernita J. Thatcher*



Marty and Terrie Reed - April 04 at 07:44 PM

JD

“ I worked for many years at Lindsey Oil Co. in New Milford where I came to know Mr and Mrs Thatcher. They were both wonderful people , always ready to make pleasant conversation. I so enjoyed them all the years that they purchased gas for their vehicles and heating oil for their home. My sympathies to “Bea’s” family.

Judith Daniels - April 04 at 07:14 PM

CK

Bernita was such an important member of our Gibson Church family. She taught Sunday School for well over 50 years, was the leader of the Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship and helped organize the Charlotte Williams Memorial Fund which sent children to Sky Lake for many years. Bea outdid herself making treats to be sold at our booth at the Harford Fair. Who knows how many hundreds of dozens of Welsh cookies she made! Then she made who knows how many batches of fudge! Bernita spent a lot of time and energy taking care of the church building. She was always down there cleaning and organizing, Along with her great service to the church, Bernita was a wonderful example and witness for Jesus Christ. She will be dearly missed.

Carol Kostek - April 06 at 10:41 AM