



Bernice (Gelbar) Roy

April 6, 2023

Bernice Arlene Roy, 102, beloved wife of Harold Leonard Roy, passed away on April 6, 2023. Bernice was born on September 21, 1920 in Bristol, CT. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David H. and Sandra A. Roy of Vero Beach, FL, her grandson, Michael D. Roy and Kara J. Roy of Vero Beach, FL, great-grandchildren Michael Jr. and Natalie, and several nieces and nephews. Bernice was predeceased by her parents Edward and Mary (Poland) Gelbar, her sisters Evelyn Lilja and Barbara Kurowski, and brother Donald Gelbar. Bernice grew up in Forestville and Bristol, attended Bristol public schools, and she lived in Bristol for 94 years. Bernice moved to Farmington, CT in 2014 and she then moved to Vero Beach, FL with her son and daughter-in-law. Bernice loved living in the sunny and warm Florida weather.

As a teenager Bernice enjoyed horseback riding and she once had a summer job exercising horses. Bernice and Harold were married at St. Matthew Church in Forestville, CT on May 4, 1942. She enjoyed dancing with Harold and taking day trips to the Connecticut shoreline. Bernice especially liked taking vacation trips to Bermuda and Hawaii with her husband. Bernice worked at Arrow Mfg. Co., Quality Coils Inc., Superior Electric Co., the Washington Superette, Humason Mfg. Co. and the E. Ingraham Company, where she hand-painted designs on the faces of Ingraham clocks. While living in Bristol, Bernice also provided child care for some of the children in her neighborhood.

A private graveside service will be held Thursday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bristol. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church, 120 Church Avenue, Forestville, CT 06011. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

522 Terryville Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice had the best care and love imaginable while under the care of Michael and Sandy. She was a vital member of their family and will definitely be missed. So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you for healing and we pray for the repose of Bernice’s soul.* ”

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