



Bernice M Grapes

July 21, 1922 - June 19, 2014

Bernice M. Grapes, 91, died peacefully on

Thursday, June 19, 2014, at her home in Sterling,

IL. Bernice was born on July 21, 1922, in North

Tonawanda, NY to William H. and Viola (Praker)

Meisner. She married Stanley H. Grapes on

October 15, 1947, who preceded her in death on

February 7, 2004.

Bernice graduated from North Tonawanda High

School in 1940, Bryant & Stratton Business School

in 1942, and worked at Tonawanda Iron & Steel

Works until 1950. After rearing her children, she

re-entered the work force in 1970 and worked in the Guidance Office at Sweet Home High School, retiring in 1985. Bernice was a life-long member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda. She was the sole-surviving member of Inter-Amicas Club, a loyal group of friends since 1938.

Bernice resided in the Town of Tonawanda, from 1952-2007, then re-located to Sterling, IL.

Bernice was extremely well-read, enjoyed the piano, extensive travels, playing bridge and her beloved Buffalo Bills. And everyone loved her pies. Her primary focus, however, always remained with her family. She will be greatly missed.

Bernice is survived by her children, Jonathan

(Elizabeth) Grapes, Thomas (Paula) Grapes, and
Martha (John) Benson; and her grandchildren,
Christopher Grapes, Mary (Shad) Gregory, Philip
Grapes, Michael (Nichole) Grapes, Stephen Grapes,
Molly (Trevor) Wiggins, Sarah (Clyde) Anglim,
Margaret Benson and Ellen Benson; and cousin,
Walter ("Bud") Witte and his wife, Pat.

Visitation will be on Thursday, June 26, 2014,
from 11 AM-1 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home,
(NEW LOCATION) 533 Meadow Drive, North
Tonawanda, NY. A family graveside service at
Acacia Park Cemetery will follow. In lieu of
flowers, a memorial has been established at
Hospice of the Rock River Valley, 264 IL Rt. 2,
Dixon, IL 61021.

Online guest registry at www.Wattengel.com.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440

Burial

JUN **26**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Acacia Park Cemetery
4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd N.
North Tonawanda, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *To Jon, Beth, and family - Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your wonderful Mom. She touched the lives of many and will be truly missed.*

June 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM