



Ruth R. Nissley

June 2, 1925 - May 5, 2023

Ruth A. Rohrer Nissley, 97 of Lititz, formerly of Mount Joy, passed away Friday, May 5th at Landis Homes. Born in Lampeter, she was the daughter of the late Jacob H. and Anna Groff Rohrer and the wife of the late John H. Nissley who passed away in 2013. She would have celebrated her 98th birthday on June 2nd.

Ruth lived in Rapho Township for over 60 years as a full-time homemaker and devoted mother. She enjoyed working alongside her husband on the farm. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, cooking and serving others.

She was a charter member of Bethel Mennonite Church, Lancaster, where she served as Hospitality Chairperson and a Sunday School teacher. She later attended Landisville Mennonite Church and was active in their sewing circle. She was a 4-H leader for over 40 years and volunteered at the Mennonite Home and Mount Joy Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by four children, Darwin Nissley (Deb) of Mt. Joy; Trudy Capers (Dino) of Lititz, Bernard Nissley (Rhonda) of Mount Joy and Rosey Nissley (Crystal) of Flourtown, PA. She is also survived by three grandsons, Travis Nissley (Colleen) of West Chester, PA Clark Nissley of Missoula, MT and Justin Nissley of Mount Joy, as well as three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Swarr and Edna Buckwalter and

three brothers, Melvin G. Rohrer, J. Lloyd Rohrer and Harold G. Rohrer.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ruth's memorial service on Friday May 12th at 7 p.m. at Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville. Visitation with the family will be at the church before the service from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and following the service. Interment will be private. The family extends their gratitude to the compassionate caregivers at Landis Homes where she lived for the past 9 months. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Mount Joy Meals on Wheels, 20 Harter Street, Marietta, PA 17547 or Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Landisville Mennonite Church
3320 Landisville Road
Landisville , PA 17538

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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3320 Landisville Road
Landisville , PA 17538

Tribute Wall

CH

“ To all the Nissley children, I remember your mother so well, running the Mt Joy 4-H clubs. She was a very gifted person in leadership and very organized and a hard worker. I enjoyed spending time with her as her warm personality just shown through everything she did. You were all so BLESSED to have her for a mother, she cared so much for all of you. and that is the best blessing you could ever have. My sympathies are with you all at this time of her passing. God's Blessing as you are on this journey of grief. Christine Erb Hoover

Chris Hoover - May 14, 2023 at 07:36 PM

DB

“ I have such fond memories of Ruth, having the honor to be a part of all of the Nissley's lives at Bethel Mennonite Church. From heading the kitchen crew at Bethel to keeping the snacks flowing at Vacation Bible School, you could always count on Ruth to put her heart and soul into whatever she did. One of my fondest memories that I have of Ruth came at a time when I needed a hug the most. She was standing in line at my grandma's viewing many years ago and I was just kind of wandering around trying to hold it together. I stopped to chat with Ruth and she enveloped me in this HUGE strong hug and just gave me the chance to cry while she hugged me. I will forever hold that hug in my heart. I hope that your family can share the memories that you have with Ruth and that those memories envelope you all as her hug did to me that day. God's blessings to each one of you during this time. Love and prayers, Diane Black

Diane Black - May 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

RS

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences. We were lucky to grow up with Ruth and be blessed by her love. Ruth gave me a blanket for a graduation gift with the advice, “One should always have a picnic blanket in their car.” Today this day, it is one of my favorite blankets. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rachel Schlegel - May 12, 2023 at 12:34 PM

BS

“ My parents and the Nissley family attended the same church from the time I was born, so I can safely say that we’ve been friends all my life. My sister and I spent a lot of time at the Nissley farm with their four kids, Darwin, Trudy, Bernard, and Rosie, when we were growing up. We helped with the haying once or twice, played in the hay mow, went to 4H with Trudy for sewing and cake decorating, and shared in youth group functions. Ruth taught me how to bake bread, advised me with my sewing projects, and even offered to make my wedding dress. She was always busy cooking, sewing, gardening, and helping with farm work. I remember her being quick to laugh (even if it was at her own expense) and quick to offer help. “Energetic” is a good way to describe her. I have been blessed to know this dear lady. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” Ps. 116: 15

Love,
Becky Smith

Becky Smith - May 09, 2023 at 10:55 AM

RB

“ To Ruth's family-I was saddened to read of Ruth's passing. Ruth was my Sunday school teacher at Bethel Mennonite for many years during my early childhood. I am thankful for those memories and remember Ruth as very kind and patient with everyone. I remember how she and John were so very supportive of our family as my parents had immigrated from Europe to Lancaster County in the early 1950s and took up farming soon after their arrival in America. I am especially grateful for Ruth's friendship with my mother (Gretel Berg) in later years. As it became more difficult for my mother to drive and attend church and other activities, Ruth was always there for her to offer a ride or just a friendly visit for coffee. I know my mom loved Ruth and appreciated her friendship very much. I wish you all peace and comfort in your memories.

Sincere condolences,

Robert (Bob) Berg

Robert Berg - May 08, 2023 at 10:41 AM