



Kathryn Keller

July 21, 2015

Kathryn Keller Bly passed away peacefully in her home, July 21, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband Berlin (B.B.) Bly, a brother, John Keller and a sister Ruth Keller Jones. Kathryn was born in the village of Fishers Hill, Virginia on April 12, 1913. She was the oldest of four children born to George and Sallie Rudolph Keller. She spent her childhood with her brother John and sisters Iris and Ruth and all the other cousins playing in Tumbling Run and the Civil War trenches that surrounded her home. After graduating from Strasburg High School, Kathryn attended State Teachers College (now JMU) and later taught in several one-room schools throughout Shenandoah County. Her first teaching position was at Pleasant Grove School near Fairview. This is where she met and finally married Berlin (B. B.) Bly. She and Berlin lived on the family farm for the duration of their lives. Kathryn loved to cook and work in the garden. She loved flowers and always had a beautiful bouquet on her kitchen table. After Berlin's death in 1977, Kathryn busied herself with volunteer work and was very active in her church, Mt. Zion Lutheran. She was a docent at Belle Grove, a volunteer at the Woodstock Museum, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, and a volunteer for the Shenandoah Music Festival. She was chief coordinator of the Fairview-Saumsville Walking Club and an active member of the Extension Homemakers Club. In her free time she was always willing to baby-sit her grandchildren, loving them and teaching them games, songs, and other special life skills. She was the matriarch of her very large family and of the surrounding community who looked to her for love and

guidance. She leaves behind a sister, Iris Vann of Strasburg, two daughters, Barbara Neff and Darlene Beaune, and one son-in-law, Ken Beaune, who she loved. Also thirteen grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren all of whom live close by and loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed by all. A funeral service celebrating Kathryn's life will be held on Friday, July 24th at 5:00 P.M. at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to Blue Ridge Hospice or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *BARBARA, MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF SORROW.* ”

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