Maria Ernestine Bitter

July 17, 1927 - November 29, 2012

Maria Ernestine Bitter (Henczi) of Chestertown, MD, died on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at Chester River Manor. She was 85.

She was born in Kikinda Yugoslavia, on July 17, 1927, the daughter of the late Rosa Maria and Alois Henczi. She was schooled in Yugoslavia and Germany. During World War II, she was displaced in several cities in Germany and at times in Chezvolakia. After the war ended, she settled in Austria and worked as a housekeeper.

While living in Austria, she met her Russian husband, Heinrich Bitter (deceased) where they made their home. In 1953, Mrs. Bitter, her husband and child immigrated to the United States, making their home in Galena. While there, they lived and worked for Dudley Chance, Howard Strong, Jr., and Starkey Farms. In 1962, the family moved to Chestertown.

Mrs. Bitter worked for the local hosiery mill operated by the Fischer family, housecleaned private homes and eventually was employed by the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital in the housekeeping department. In 1979, Mrs. Bitter, her husband, and her eldest son, became citizens of the United States.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Women's Guild. Mrs. Bitter's passion was baking German cookies, cakes, and more. Over the

years, family friends and acquaintances had the pleasure of enjoying these treats. She also enjoyed embroidery as she made many pieces for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Heinrich Bitter, and a first born son, in Austria. She is survived by three sons, Rudolf Bitter and wife Karen of Chestertown, and Henry Bitter and wife Debbie of Centreville, Hans Bitter and wife Cathy of Worton, MD; one daughter; Rosa Klingenberg and husband Dennis of Snow Hill, MD; seven grandsons, Justin Bitter, Jason Bitter, Brandon Bitter, Daniel Bitter, Nicholas Bitter, Travis Bitter, Ryan Bitter; one granddaughter; Claire Klingenberg; four great- granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (10 -11 a.m.).

Interment will be in Chester Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund P.O. Box 597, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
101 Greenwood Avenue
Chestertown, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall

SB

What fond memories of Mrs. Bitter. Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Ralph and Sara Buckel

Sara Buckel - December 01, 2012 at 10:28 AM

JN

Joyce M Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Joyce M Nicholson - December 01, 2012 at 10:20 AM

Rose (Frank) Maus lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Rose (Frank) Maus - December 01, 2012 at 10:13 AM

She was a wonderful neighbor to us while I was growing up on High Street. She is now at peace.

Rose (Frank) Maus - December 04, 2012 at 09:46 AM

JF

Judy Fleming lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Judy Fleming - November 30, 2012 at 03:33 PM

DO

Doris And Dennis Olsen lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Doris and Dennis Olsen - November 30, 2012 at 03:31 PM

JB

One of my Favorite neighbors... .will miss her!!!!

Joyce Benton - November 30, 2012 at 09:45 AM

PC

Patti Lill Campagna lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Patti Lill Campagna - November 30, 2012 at 08:09 AM

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DV

Debe Churay Voshell lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Debe Churay Voshell - November 30, 2012 at 07:23 AM

LB

Larry & Lee Beck lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Larry & Lee Beck - November 30, 2012 at 07:10 AM

CM

Charles And Sue Mench lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Charles and Sue Mench - November 29, 2012 at 08:14 PM

Elizabeth Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Elizabeth Fleetwood - November 29, 2012 at 07:31 PM

My deepest sympathy Rudy. I'm sure your mother was the backbone of your family as in most of ours. I am so sorry.

Elizabeth Fleetwood - November 29, 2012 at 07:48 PM

DH

How proud your mother must've been of all of you. Each time you were there at the nursing home to feed her her meals, to sit with her and to talk to her, was HUGE. A mother couldn't have received anything more special than this. And it goes both ways, with this kind of love spreading downward to your own children, and to the grandchildren who watched and who knew that you went. There isn't a greater gift to give one's own child and grandchildren either. We are proud to know adults like you. Surely you were her heroes. And now we're sorry for your sadness. We send our deepest sympathy.
~ Cheryl & David Hoopes

David & Cheryl Hoopes - November 29, 2012 at 07:13 PM

DH

David & Cheryl Hoopes lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

David & Cheryl Hoopes - November 29, 2012 at 07:05 PM

CS

Carol Startt lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Carol Startt - November 29, 2012 at 04:05 PM

MS

Marie Spray lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Marie Spray - November 29, 2012 at 03:37 PM

ES

Ed & Sandi Sheahen lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

Ed & Sandi Sheahen - November 29, 2012 at 03:07 PM

MA

MaryAnn Blakeney Abeska lit a candle in memory of Maria Ernestine Bitter

MaryAnn Blakeney Abeska - November 29, 2012 at 03:02 PM

MA

Rudolf, Henry, Hans & Rosie - Tim and I are so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know we are keeping you and the rest of your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Mary Ann & Tim

Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska - November 29, 2012 at 03:01 PM