



Bertha Elizabeth Crawford

August 2, 1920 - August 24, 2015

BERTHA E. CRAWFORD
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

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Bertha Elizabeth (Rutledge) Crawford, 95, of New Harmony, Indiana, died peacefully Monday, August 24, at 6 p.m. at New Harmonie Healthcare Center in New Harmony, Indiana.

She was born August 2, 1920, in Posey County's Robb Township and graduated from Stewartsville High School in 1938. In 1940, she married Lowell Elwood Crawford, in Patoka, Indiana, whom she had known since childhood. In 1945, following his father's death, they began farming full time, eventually acquiring the farm she was born on and which her grandparents had purchased in 1889. Woody and Bert, as they called each other, were happily married for 56 years, until his death in 1996.

The daughter of George Rutledge and Mary (Rickens) Rutledge, she was the youngest and last surviving of nine siblings: Helen O'Dell, of New Harmony; Charles Rutledge, of Stewartsville; Jess Rutledge, of Stewartsville; Edmund Rutledge, of Wadesville; Mabel Montgomery, of New Harmony; Henry Rutledge, of Stewartsville; Marie Davis, of New Harmony; and Technical Sergeant Thomas Rutledge, who was killed in action during World War II and

posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Bertha Crawford is survived by a son: Terry Lee, and daughter-in-law, Jane (Erbacher Murphy), of Wadesville, Indiana; three granddaughters: Andrea Crawford and her husband, Michael Pippenger, of New York, New York, Ashli Crawford and her fiancée, Stephen Beeler, of Knoxville, Tennessee, Anne-Marie (Crawford) Giannone and her husband, Richard, also of Knoxville, Tennessee; four step-grandchildren: Kelley Oliver, Shannan Miller, Brett Murphy, and Courtnay Williams; seven step great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews whom she adored.

In addition to her work keeping books for the family business and cooking large farm dinners, she worked for 25 years as a rural mail carrier and was active in Posey County politics, the Stewartsville Alumni Association, and the Bethsaida Christian Church and its cemetery, on whose board she served until her late 80's.

She was well loved by many and known, in particular, for her kindness, joyful spirit, good humor, hospitality, and cooking, especially her red velvet cake. The family expresses their deep gratitude to her caretakers at the Charles Ford Memorial Home in New Harmony, the New Harmonie Healthcare Center, and Heritage Hospice of Evansville.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2015 at Werry Funeral Home, 615 Brewery Street, New Harmony, Indiana with burial in Bethsaida Cemetery near Stewartsville, Indiana.

Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the funeral home. Charitable donations may be made in her name to: Bethsaida Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 142, Wadesville, Indiana 47638.

Cemetery Details

Bethsaida Cemetery

10002 Bethsaida Church Road
New Harmony, IN 47631

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)
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Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha Elizabeth Crawford*



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - August 26, 2015 at 01:57 PM

MR

Just finished the video and it is soooo sweet and something to be cherished. I couldn't be there today in person but just know I was there in spirit. Such a beautiful family! Aunt Bertha will be greatly missed by many.

Mary Sue Rutledge

Mary Sue Rutledge - August 28, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ *Bertha Elizabeth Crawford*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Terry Lee so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing but at her age what can we expect? I remember visiting her a few times and was never sure what she thought of me-----*

My Mom is 93 and currently in the nursing home we don't know if temporary or long term yet, our time of dealing with this last stage of life is just beginning. I know you will miss her.

Jane Ellen Higginson Keroson

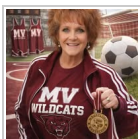
Jane Higginson Keroson - August 26, 2015 at 09:41 PM



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“ I have so many fond memories of times with Aunt Bertha, from camping across from Aunt Lou's, to playing on the farm to taking my first daughter out to the farm and her and Uncle Woody letting her pick out her own pumpkin. I was fortunate enough to be brought up in a loving family, where we celebrated a lot, and shared lots of family reunions and boy could those Rutledge girls cook. I know Uncle Woody was there to meet you, and I can only imagine the reunion going on up there. My deepest sympathy to Terry and the girls, I pray you find comfort in your memories. Love you Aunt Bertha

Vicki Embrey Bethel - August 26, 2015 at 08:51 AM

JN

“ bertha and woody were friends of dorcas and i. we spent several years on new years eve together playing cards at there home. bertha was a kind soul. she will be missed terry. cherish the memories. john neidig

john neidig - August 26, 2015 at 08:47 AM

JD

“ To Ashli and the rest of the Crawford family, I'm sorry for your loss.

Jason Davis - August 26, 2015 at 06:46 AM

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Thank you Jason.

Ashli Miser - August 26, 2015 at 05:49 PM

BE

“ I always looked forward her smile and laughter at our reunions. And of course her wonderful red velvet cake.

Bill Embrey - August 25, 2015 at 08:22 PM