



Bernice D. Amtzis

June 20, 1922 - March 20, 2017

Bernice D. Amtzis, 94 of Monroe Township, New Jersey passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Elms of Cranbury, surrounded by her loving family.

Born Tuesday, June 20, 1922 in Bronx, New York she was the daughter of the late Lester and Hilda Smuckler. Bernice moved with her parents to Staten Island in 1924. They lived in Port Richmond above their family's curtain and drapery store, Smuckler's.

She was a graduate of Port Richmond High School. While in High School she was active on the cheerleading squad and was noted as an Honor Student. Following High School, she went on to attend City College.

Following in her parents love of home decorating, Bernice became a part of Macy's at the Staten Island's Mall first hiring group. She worked there in the home decorating department for several years and went on to work at Sears in South Brunswick, New Jersey for their interior decorating department.

Bernice also worked as a Real Estate Agent where she sold many a homes in the newly developed areas in Elmwood Park and the Armstrong Gardens Apartments. Following that she was employed by Merrill Lynch in their hospitality department. She won Merrill's employee of the year over 800

others. Bernice worked until she was 80 years old. She truly enjoyed talking and socializing with people and getting to know their life stories.

Bernice met the love of her life Milton at the Staten Island JCC and they married in 1941. They went on to have 4 beautiful children Maxine, Karen, Howard and Michael. In 1983 Milton and Bernice moved to Concordia Estates in Monroe Township, New Jersey. She was predeceased by Milton in 1987.

In her spare time, Bernice enjoyed playing bridge, cards, mahjong, and bingo. She was a member of Temple Emanu-el on Post Avenue for many years as well as a Pythian Sister, where she once served as president.

Surviving are her four children Maxine Morse, Karen Bennett, Howard and his wife Peggy & Michael Amtzis and his wife Danka; 6 grandchildren Suzanne McAuliffe, Lorn Davis, Mark Clements, Matthew Amtzis, Jessica Motin and Brandon Amtzis, as well as 13 great grandchildren Connor, Riley, Lindsay, Melody, Dylan, Anna, Hannah, Benjamin, Ryan, Zachery, Justin, Kaitlyn and Noah.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Baron Hirsch Cemetery located at 1126 Richmond Ave Staten Island, New York 10314.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com <<http://www.scaliahome.com>>

Cemetery Details

Baron Hirsch Cemetery

1126 Richmond Ave
Staten Island, NY 10314

Previous Events

Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice D. Amtzis*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Always in your hearts. Sending deepest sympathy to all.*

Ona Podell

Ona Podell - March 27, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ *I remember always feeling welcome in Bernice's house. Years ago she would smile, sit me down at the table and give me a glass milk. It was her smiling eyes (she had great eyes) and welcoming nature that I appreciated and remember the most.*

She must have had an inner muse, a deep grounded resource, that kept her focused on what was most important, sort of a "don't sweat the small stuff" attitude that helped her live such a long healthy life. She was blessed in many ways and I am happy to have been able to see her occasionally all these years.

My condolences to the whole family. I know she will be greatly missed.

lynn pacifico - March 24, 2017 at 11:54 AM



Thanks Lynn

Michael

Michael Amtzis - March 26, 2017 at 08:02 PM

SK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! She was a very special lady!*

*Sandy Kanitra
Activities Assistant*

Sandy Kanitra - March 22, 2017 at 04:39 PM

LP

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother - our sincerest condolences and prayers.*


*The Pigno Family
Dominick, Linda, and Jonathan*

Linda Pigno - March 21, 2017 at 04:49 PM



Thanks Linda, Dom and Jon. Very much appreciated.

Michael Amtzis - March 26, 2017 at 08:17 PM

 Susan
Kanalstein
Gay

“ *Maxine, Karen, Howie and Michael. I came across your Mom's obituary by accident while looking for someone else. I have no words for how sad this makes me. Your family was like part of my family all those years ago. I can still hear Bernice's laugh and smell Milton's cigars. My heart goes out to all of you at this sad time. May you all always have nothing but good memories of your Mom. I know I will. Much Love Susan Kanalstein Gay*

Susan Kanalstein Gay - March 21, 2017 at 01:37 PM



Thanks Susan for the thoughtful post. A lot of great memories with your family.

Michael Amtzis - March 26, 2017 at 08:14 PM

PC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember you all growing up in Cheshire PI.*

pat Cusick - March 21, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ *My grandma was an amazing woman. She made a positive impact on anyone she would meet. She was the one woman who could strike up a conversation with a stranger as if they knew her their whole life. I truly admired her strength, her wisdom, and her love for her family. It tears me up to think I won't get to talk to her anymore. I will however take solace in the fact she was and will always be a role model to me. I will miss her dearly and I love you grandma.*



*Love Always,
Matt*

Matthew Amtzis - March 21, 2017 at 06:59 AM



Thanks for the wonderful thoughts about gma. She was one of a kind and will be missed.

Michael Amtzis - March 26, 2017 at 08:12 PM

RZ

“ *sorry for you loss.i have to attend tom adinolfi funeral on the same day. ralph zurlo*

ralph zurlo - March 20, 2017 at 03:24 PM

DM

Michael - My condolences to you and your family. Dave Mason

David Mason - March 21, 2017 at 06:59 AM



I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She is remembered as a very giving, caring person. Many memories come to mind...mahjong, the swim club, the curtain store and going out to dinner at Ratners. Hold the good memories of her close to your heart.

*With sincere sympathy,
Bonnie (Kanalstein) Paterno*

Bonnie Paterno - March 21, 2017 at 07:31 PM



Our condolences to th entire Amtzis family. Lester and Alyce Taylor , your Concordia neighbors

Alyce Taylor - March 22, 2017 at 06:10 AM

MR

My sincere condolences to you Maxine and your family on the loss of your dearest mother. My heart is with you at this sad time. She will always be with you in your heart. Keep all the good memories close in your heart. Love you,

Marissa Rautenstrauch

Marissa Rautenstrauch - March 22, 2017 at 08:52 AM

RS

Michael,

Jane and I extend out sincerest condolences on the passing of your mom. 94 years old. WOW! May she rest in peace.

Rodney

Rodney Stilwell - March 24, 2017 at 08:45 AM



Thank you all for your posts. I very much appreciate it.

Michael Amtzis - March 26, 2017 at 08:09 PM