



Leonora Bergbauer Bower Dykes

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Bower, Leonora Bergbauer (Dykes) died May 13th, 2014. Born February 8, 1928 in Wahlersdorf, Germany, she grew up during turbulent times. She came of age during World War II and witnessed mass destruction of her country just as she was coming into womanhood. After the war she met and married Joseph Adam Bower, himself displaced by the war from his home in East Prussia. In 1951 with a small baby boy in their arms, they immigrated to America to seek a new start and better opportunity. They came through Ellis Island like so many before and after. They soon settled in St. Petersburg, had two more sons and raised a wonderful family. Joseph Bower, having suffered injuries and terrible conditions in the war, died early as a result of poor health in 1975. Nevertheless, all three sons became college graduates and have had successful business careers. In 1980, Leonora married Johnny dykes and they remains married until his death in 1998. She subsequently began to suffer poor health. Leonora was a woman of unbelievable will and courage, yet one of great compassion. Her love of animals was legendary. Even her death was an act of unsurpassed will. There will never be another Leonora, loved by her family and forever missed. She is survived by her sons Peter, Edward, and Joseph; daughters-in-law Karen, Judy and Jackie; granddaughter Nancy and her husband Joseph Bachana along with great-grandchildren CiCi, Roxy and Zack. In addition, she has a sister, Klothilda Angeli and extended family in Germany.



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Maggie Minnicks posted:

Leonora was a very sweet, strong willed lady who loved her family completely and unconditionally, as do they love her. They are all very lucky to have each other and it was a breath of fresh air to witness it. She was a bright light who is missed by many. May all the dear memories of Leonora help her family and friends get through this sad time.

May 17 at 4:27 AM



Shirley Graveley posted:

In all the years that I knew Leonora she was a very strong willed woman, I really admired her for that. She also loved and was very proud of her sons. When she talked of them she would beam. I remember once when she use to go to the park to feed the ducks, it was raining and she had on her hat, with a bag of bread pieces in her hand, pushing her walker on her way to feed the ducks and I questioned if it was a good idea to walk to the park in the rain and she replied, "It's only water and the ducks need me to come and feed them" The look of determination said it all, and yes she went and fed the ducks. I will miss her very much. Thank you for sharing Leonora.

May 16 at 3:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leonora by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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