



Barbara Mansfield Eastman

November 9, 1922 - July 14, 2020

Barbara Mansfield Eastman, a humble servant of Jesus Christ, stepped into His presence on Tuesday July 14, 2020.

She was born in Portland, Maine on November 9, 1922 a daughter of Frederic and Ruth Whitney Mansfield, the youngest of their six children. After her father's death in 1929 the family moved to Fitchburg, MA. On June 6, 1942, Barbara married Everett J. Eastman. When World War II ended, they moved to East Longmeadow, MA where they resided until his death in 1981.

This new chapter in her life brought Barbara to Broadalbin, NY, where she and her daughter, Linda, opened the Broadalbin Christian Bookstore on her 60th birthday in 1982. It was her joy to work in the store until March of this year when the coronavirus pandemic required the store to be temporarily closed. Barbara wanted everyone that she met to know the love and peace that a relationship with Jesus Christ can bring.

Mrs. Eastman loved volunteering at Camp Cedarbrook in the Adirondacks and meeting the staff every year. She had a special place in her heart for the younger staff, who called her "Nana", and she enjoyed getting to know them and corresponding with them after camp closed for the season.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her siblings, Mildred Downey, Eleanor Harrington, Dorothy Shepard, and Wallace and Whitney Mansfield.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Eastman and Kathy (Ron) Lavoie; her beloved grandchildren, Daniel, Justin, and Evan Lavoie, Mary (Patrick)

Hassett, and Elizabeth (Dylan) Slaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends of all ages. She was eagerly awaiting the birth of her great-granddaughter, Veronica Hassett.

A private graveside service will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Camp Cedarbrook-Next Generation Fund, Samaritan's Purse, or Wycliffe Bible Translators, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I'm Carol Levey's granddaughter (Caren Hayward's daughter) and I grew up hearing about Barbara Eastman from my grandma. She would show me letters they wrote back and forth to each other. What a beautiful legacy Barbara leaves! Our condolences to your family, Johnna Hayward Muniz

Johnna Hayward Muniz - August 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM

CH

“ Barbara was a truly best friend. My mother, Carol Levey, always said that Barbara Eastman was her best friend. Whenever my mother needed her she would come, pray with and speak words of wisdom to my mom. I always liked to see Barb as she uplifted people friendliness and godliness. May they be having a grand time praising the Holy one together.
Kathy and Lunda and your family,
I know this is a time of great loss for you .
May you feel God's presence and care,
Caren Hayward

caren hayward - August 07, 2020 at 04:08 PM

ST

“ Dear Linda, I just found out yesterday. Praying for you now. May Jesus hold you very close. You and your mom have blessed me many times over. In His Joy, Scott Tibbetts

Scott Tibbetts - July 26, 2020 at 06:36 AM

DM

“ So sorry for you Linda, but happy for your Mom who can rest in Jesus presence now. Your Mom truly was a light in this world and spread love and wonderful stories to all. I loved listening to her weave her stories and was in awe of her wonder in all things and her love of the Lord! She will be sorely missed💕🙏💕 I'm sure my mom will be one of her welcoming committee!💕🙏

Dawn Davis Marks - July 16, 2020 at 09:40 AM

BC

“ I loved our visits and chats. She loved to tell stories and they were always interesting. She had a beautiful heart for God and others. I miss her, but am glad to know she is spending eternity with God.

Betty Carter - July 15, 2020 at 03:40 PM

KL

“ Mom, we loved your sense of humor, your love and compassion for others. We so looked forward to your visits. I am grateful to know you are at peace in heaven. You will be sorely missed by this daughter and family. Love Kathy Lavoie

Karhy Lavoie - July 15, 2020 at 01:26 PM