



Ella Bernice Schultz

December 11, 1924 - August 14, 2020

Ella Bernice Schultz (Bernice) peacefully left this world on Friday, August 14, 2020 due to natural causes. She was 95 years old. She was born December 11, 1924, on a ranch outside Big Sandy, Montana, to Howard Allderdice and Eva Bernice (Deem) Allderdice. She was the oldest of four siblings, all of whom preceded her in death; Virginia Allderdice West, Grace Allderdice Swan, William Allderdice, and Robert Allderdice. A fifth sibling, Nell, died at birth.

Bernice pursued work in the secretarial field; moving first to San Francisco, and later to Alaska as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army, where she met her husband, Thomas Lee Schultz, a Sergeant and later an accountant. They were married in Alaska in 1952. They also lived in Arizona, California, and New Jersey as well before finally settling in Colorado where Tom died; afterward, Bernice moved to Montana near an Aunt and a Cousin, and ultimately moved to Delaware to be with her daughter and her family.

Loving and generous, she always remembered birthdays and other special occasions of her family, relatives, and friends. For many years she had an antique pump organ, inherited from a relative, on which she could play music by ear. Bernice loved animals; dogs, cats, and horses in particular. She enjoyed reading and classical music and while in San Francisco, frequently attended theatrical and musical performances. She loved the ocean and taking her dogs for walks on the California beaches. Bernice was fond of looking at her vast collection of photographs and old cards and letters.

Bernice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and David Orzechowski of Wilmington; her grandson, Grant Orzechowski; and her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Tegan and Robert Clark of Claymont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Delaware Humane Association, 701 A Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, or to Unity Church of Christianity, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, Missouri, 64065-0001.

A visitation will be held Friday, August 21, 2020, from 2-3 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Bernice's life at 3 PM. Burial will be with her husband at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery

Events

Fort Logan National Cemetery

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Visitation

02:00PM - 03:00PM

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, US, 19702

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Service

03:00PM

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Comments



“ I have many fond memories of Bernice. She and her sisters were the siblings for my mother Edith growing up. I do think that she was thought of by my mother as a sister. I know Bernice used lots of ink her years as a secretary and especially writing letters to us all. She was kind, thoughtful and always concerned with how everyone was doing. Much love, Doug

Doug Braun - August 20, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ My mother Grace told me that her oldest sister Bernice was very clean and tidy as a child. My mom on the other hand was a real Tomboy who roamed the farm in bare feet and didn't mind getting dirty.

The 3 sisters slept 3 to a bed. Bernice and Virginia at the top and Grace at the bottom with her feet in her sisters faces. Unfortunately Grace would often go to be with dirty feet.

“Mom, Bernice would holler, “Make Grace wash her feet”.

Other times Grace would get Bernice upset and Bernice would take off after her. Grace would crawl under the bed and spit at Bernice causing Bernice to leave her alone! Sister love

carolyn locke - August 19, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Carolyn Locke lit a candle in memory of Ella Bernice Schultz



carolyn locke - August 19, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ Aunt Bernice was a kind and caring person. She always loved animals and my Mother often told me stories about Bernice and the horses on the ranch. She was kind enough to let my mom live with her when she first came to the city! My children always looked forward to their birthday cards from Aunt Bernice!

carolyn locke - August 19, 2020 at 05:26 PM