



Bernice T. Traphagan, 73, of Erie, passed away, Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at St. Mary's Home - East. She was born in Erie, PA on May 11, 1942, a daughter of the late Ford A. and Theodosia "Theda" (Milewski) Traphagan.

Bernice was a graduate St. Benedict Academy, Class of 1960. She was employed at the Boston Store as a sales associate and retired from Erie Insurance Company after 30 years of service. She was an avid patron of the Erie Playhouse and enjoyed bowling, ceramics and reading

She was preceded in death by her sister, Felicia Phyllis (Traphagan) Church Coe.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley (Traphagan) Randolph and her husband, Tipton of Sarasota, FL; nephews, Kenneth P. Church of Fort Wayne, IN, Robert A. Church of Deltona, FL, Gary B. Church and his wife, Cyndi of Avon, IN, John "Jack" T. Huber, III and his wife, Christine of Toms River NJ and Michael Ford Huber of Point Pleasant, NJ; great nephews and nieces, Kristopher Church and his wife, Becca of Fort Wayne, IN, Kendall Church and his wife, Jessica of Fremont, NE, Joshua Church of Murfreesboro, TN, Tyler Church of Avon, IN, Gavin Church of Fort Wayne, IN, Delaney Huber and John T. Huber, IV of Toms River, NJ; numerous cousins.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the **Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc.** Friends may call at the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory, 1595 West 38th at Greengarden Blvd. on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and are invited to attend a prayer service at the funeral home on Saturday at 9:30 AM followed by a funeral mass at St. George Church at 10:00 AM. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.merlewoodfh.com

Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. George Church, 5145 Peach St, Erie, PA 16509 or Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Rd., Erie, PA 16511