

## Pearl H. (Madyda) Bocek



LITITZ — BOCEK – Pearl H. (Madyda), 87, Lititz, died at Hospice & Community Care, Mount Joy, on Feb. 7, 2014, surrounded by her family after succumbing to cancer. Born Aug. 4, 1926, in Whitaker, she was the oldest of five children born to the late Helen and Alexander Madyda. Pearl was married to Walter E. Bocek. Pearl's family was the light of her life. Her greatest joy was cooking and baking the many traditional Polish family recipes with and for her family. For many years, Pearl was a homemaker raising her daughters and serving as a volunteer for Sacred Heart Church, where she prepared meals for special activities and was a member of the Rosary Guild. Later in life she worked at Conzatti's Italian Restaurant, Windber, and at Lititz Office Products. Having been born in the Pittsburgh area, Pearl, her husband and children moved to the Shanksville area making it her home for 41 years.

During that time, the family farm was developed into what is now known as Indian Lake. Pearl moved permanently to Lititz in 1999 where she was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Pearl is survived by three daughters, Kathleen Paris, wife of George Paris, Glen Mills; Cheryl Bell, wife of William Bell, Lititz; and Michele Darreff, wife of Frank Darreff, Limerick. Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Walter. The oldest of five siblings, Pearl is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Helen Bocek, wife of Stephen Bocek, deceased; Alex Madyda, and wife, Clara; Bernard Madyda, and wife, Marianne; and Vi Bowerman, and husband, Jay. So cherished in her life were her eight grandchildren, Travis Tomb, and wife, Jennifer; Michael Tomb, and wife, Jaime; Christopher Bell; Katherine Bell; Shane Darreff; Brandon Darreff; Ashley Darreff; and Andrew Darreff, and five great-grandchildren, Sydney Tomb, Emma Tomb, Dylan Tomb, Teresa Tomb and Cooper Tomb. Pearl also is survived by two uncles, Jack and William Knapp, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins. Her extended family includes Kristine Morris, wife of John, and sons, Ryan and Eric, and Stephen Paris, husband of Amy, and sons, Logan and Braden. Pearl's funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, with Monsignor Richard A. Youtz as celebrant. Private interment will be in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Cemetery, Central City. Viewings will be held at Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home & Crematory, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13, and 10 to 11 a.m. Feb. 14. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Dr., Lancaster, Pa. 17603. To send the family online condolences, please visit [SnyderFuneralHome.com](http://SnyderFuneralHome.com). Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home & Crematory (717) 560-5100.