

Bernice Mary *Brickner* Layden



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BIRTH 29 Jul 1920

Lyons, Walworth County, Wisconsin, USA

DEATH 21 Jul 2009 (aged 88)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 39859657

Bernice Mary Layden, 88, of Hoopeston passed away at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

She was born July 29, 1920, to Frank and Margaret (Holzheimer) Brickner in Lyons, Wis. She married Thomas Layden on June 17, 1944. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mary Beth (Darvin) Taylor of Bloomington, Ill., Jane (Thomas) Sweeney of Hoopeston, Suanne (Jon) Fobes of Lower Gwynedd, Pa., and Peggy (John) North of Fairplay, S.C.; and three sons, Daniel (Libby) Layden of Baltimore, Md., Timothy (Karen) Layden of Medinah, Ill., and Steven (Kathy) Layden of Oakwood.

She was Grandma Bunnie to 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was Aunt Bunnie to many nieces and nephews, Cousin Bunnie to several cousins and Mrs. Layden to so many students.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brickner; a sister, Lucille Berres; son-in-law, James Wiltz; and a grandson, Robert North.

Mrs. Layden attended St. Joseph's Grade School, then St. Mary's High School in Burlington, Wis. She continued her education at Marquette University in Milwaukee, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English. Her teaching career started in 1942 in Wisconsin, two years in Cashton, Wis., then two years in Hoopeston.

After devoting the next 14 years to her children, she again taught in Hoopeston for 20 more years and two years at Schlarman High School in Danville. After her retirement, she was on call for substituting for many years.

She was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hoopeston. Through the years, she was an active member of church and civic organizations. She was a life-long member of Omega Upsilon, a National Speech Sorority and Alpha Sigma Nu, the Honor Society of all Jesuit Universities. Bernice was still a member of the Hoopeston Library Club, an off-shoot of Mary Hartwell Catherwood Club, of which she was a member for several years.

Her family was the center of her life, but she enjoyed quilting and crafts, reading, playing bridge and traveling. She and her husband enjoyed several trips to Europe, one to Hong Kong and Thailand, Costa Rica, Nova Scotia and the Bahamas. The most rewarding was receiving a blessing for their 60th wedding anniversary in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy.

Burial: Cemetery: Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

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Family Members

Parents



Frank Brickner
1891–1972



Margaret *Holzheimer* Brickner
1894–1984

Spouse



Thomas John Layden
1921–2012

Siblings



Lucille Lillian *Brickner* Berres
1916–1997

Children



Stephen F. Layden
1949–2021

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