



## Dorcas E. Gessner

January 2, 1954 - January 2, 2017

Dorcas E. Gessner, 63, of Lykens Twp, passed away on January 2, 2017, at her home surrounded by family. She was born in Sunbury on January 2, 1954, a daughter of Thelma Arlene Rine and the late Donald Barton Rine. She was a member of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz.

Dorcas is survived by her mother Thelma Rine of Millersburg; husband Vernon Gessner of Lykens; two sons, Andrew Gessner of Gratz, Matthew Gessner of Lykens; two daughters, Yvonne Yoder of Lewisburg, LaDonna and husband Stephen Stence of Lykens; daughter-in-law, Crystal Gessner of Lykens; son-in-law, Jonathan Yoder of Milton; grandchildren, Jordan, Kaylee, Coleton, Gabriel, Anaya Gessner, Takira Yoder, Alannah, Adalynn, Stephen II, Lilly Stence; two brothers, Darvin and wife Mary Rine of Middleburg, Keith and wife Chris Rine of Winfield, brother-in-law Dale and wife Arlene Gessner of Herndon; sister-in-law, Verdaine and husband Charlie Bonawitz of Berrysburg; and many nieces and nephews who loved and adored her. She was preceded in death by father-in-law, Ralph Gessner, mother-in-law, Elsie Gessner.

A viewing will be held on January 6, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and on January 7, 2017 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at the Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 11:00 am at the Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz, with Rev. Dan Durkee, officiating. Interment will take place in the Emmanuel Wesleyan

Cemetery, Gratz.

# Cemetery Details

## Emmanuel Wesleyan Cemetery

Gratz, PA 17030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Wesleyan Church  
6297 Lykens Valley Road  
Gratz, PA 17030

## Viewing

JAN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Wesleyan Church  
6297 Lykens Valley Road  
Gratz, PA 17030

# Tribute Wall

WW

“ *Warren Weaver lit a candle in memory of Dorcas E. Gessner*



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**Warren Weaver** - January 25, 2017 at 09:09 PM

JK

“ *All our love and prayers to Aunt Thelma, Darvin, Keith, and their families, Vernon, their children and grand children Dorcas was a beautiful flower here on earth. our heavenly father took another angel to heaven to walk the streets of gold with him. Dorcas give mom and dad a hug from me. May God give all of you peace and cradle you in his loving arms. Julea and ken (cousin)*

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**julea kazar** - January 08, 2017 at 10:59 AM

JK

“ *to aunt Thelma, Keith ,Darvin all the children and grand children, and Vernon Dorcas was a beautiful flower here on earth and will be sadly missed by us all. Our heavenly father took another angel home to walk the streets of gold with him . Dorcas, give mom and dad a hug for me. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. love you all. Julea (cousin)*

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**Julea kazar** - January 08, 2017 at 09:06 AM

JW

“ Dear Vernon and Family:

*We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your wife and mother. May God give you peace in your time of bereavement. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Warren Weaver, Sr.*

*Julie*

*Warren Jr.*

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**Julie Weaver** - January 06, 2017 at 04:11 PM

SM

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Dorcas' passing. I so appreciated my last visit with her and Aunt Thelma about a year ago. She always had such a selfless, generous nature, and was such a testimony to her faith. I can't imagine her reward in Heaven. My sincere sympathy to Vernon and the family.*

*Starla Mook (cousin)*

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**Starla Mook** - January 05, 2017 at 04:59 PM

ME

“ *Marlin & Eve lit a candle in memory of Dorcas E. Gessner*

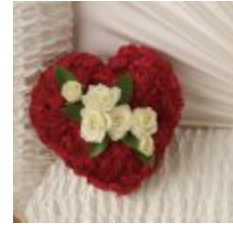


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**Marlin & Eve** - January 05, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Dorcas E. Gessner.*



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January 04, 2017 at 10:47 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorcas E. Gessner.*



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January 04, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *Thanks for being an extra special aunt! We will never forget all of our wonderful times together. We cherish everyone of them. We will miss you so much, but so thankful you are not suffering and are with Jesus and Pap Rine. Much love to Vernon and all the children. We will meet you in the morning! Dwight and Lois Rine*

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**Lois Rine** - January 04, 2017 at 10:03 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to Vernon and all the family. Dorcas was a truly genuine friend and will be greatly missed. We'll treasure our memories of all the fun times spent together with Dorcas and Vernon. Nevin & Violet Witmer*

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**Violet Witmer** - January 04, 2017 at 07:22 PM

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“ Greg, Holly and Kyle Headdings purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorcas E. Gessner.



Greg, Holly and Kyle Headdings - January 04, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorcas E. Gessner.



January 04, 2017 at 02:35 PM

 Dawn Wolfe

“ Dawn Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Dorcas E. Gessner



Dawn Wolfe - January 04, 2017 at 10:55 AM

PP

“ On behalf of the Beavertown Church Family and my wife, Marie, I extend sincere sympathy to the Gessner and Rine families. Dorcas was a truly extraordinary person who will be missed by her church, community and family. To you, Vernon, and all the family, we offer our prayers and sincere sympathy.

Pastor James Plank - January 03, 2017 at 01:36 PM