



Roberta Bubb

March 1, 1923 - May 26, 2017

Roberta Bubb, nee Roberta Hoak, was born in New Freedom, a small town in York County, Pennsylvania. Being the oldest sibling (she had a brother, Frank) she would often go with her father, a blacksmith, when he traveled around to the various farms to do metal work or trim horses. She also helped with taking care of her parent's chickens, which helped to stimulate her love for animals. Roberta completed elementary and high school at New Freedom, and then began working on an accounting degree at Elizabeth Town College. Due to the threat of World War II, she left school and went to work in the accounting department of George F. Motter Co in York, PA. Then, on October 31, 1942, she and Richard Bubb, her high school sweetheart, got married. They initially lived in Baltimore, but when Richard was drafted in the US Navy, Roberta moved back to New Freedom.

After the War, Richard and Roberta built their own home just outside of New Freedom. During this time, Roberta was busy raising a daughter, Robyn, making a home for her family, and raising a number of pets, including dogs, cats, rabbits, and chickens. She even fostered wild life, including hatching and raising a nest of pheasants that had been disturbed when the field was mowed. She was also very active in the local Lutheran church. She was a choir member at St John's Lutheran Church and was a member of the Lutheran Church Women Southeastern Synod. When she wasn't busy cooking delicious meals and desserts, she could be found reading, gardening, or doing handicrafts. Over the years, she became noted for her skill at knitting,

crocheting, embroidery, and quilt making.

In 1968, Roberta and her family moved to Clearwater, Florida. With Robyn now in high school, Roberta went back to work at the Longworth Real Estate office. Here she was the secretary/office assistance to the four to five estate agents who worked there. Although she enjoyed her time in Florida, in 1973, with Robyn now married, she and Richard returned to New Freedom to help care for her parents at their home. Roberta returned to work at the American Insulator Co in New Freedom, where she was the personal assistant to the head of engineering.

In 1983, she and Richard decided to leave the snow and cold of Pennsylvania and moved to a small farmhouse on two-acres east of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Both had retired, and this home became their “forever” home. While Richard did wood working, Roberta continued her handicrafts, her gardening, and once again became active in the church – this time at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest. After Richard passed in April, 1998, Roberta continued to maintain the home and be involved with the church. She still had pets – a number of chickens, Tiger (the cat), and the Great Pyrenees dogs Muffin, Candy, and Lady. At Trinity, she acted as the church librarian, and in 2011, she was named Senior Superlative at Trinity for her dedication to the church and commitment to her faith.

Roberta continued to live on her own, until September 2015, when it became necessary for her to require more assistance in her day-to-day activities. At this point she moved to Brookdale - Greenville. She continued to be in good spirits and enjoyed visits from her family and friends. She passed quietly in her sleep on May 26, 2017. Roberta is survived by her daughter, Robyn, and son-in-law, David. Funeral arrangements are being organized by The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Animal Care, 328 Furman Hall Road, Greenville, SC 29609, in honor of Roberta’s love for all animals.

Cemetery Details

New Freedom Cemetery

New Freedom, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ I wrote to Roberta in our Christmas card every night for many years She always wrote a lovely note to me. After she moved, Robyn sent me a card with her new address. I put the card away. I have since been unable to find it much to my dismay. Since then I have had several surgeries that required rehabilitations in different facilities. This has kept me from trying to look Roberta up sooner. At this time I am still recovering from a broken leg. I just came home three days ago. If Robyn should my note, I would love to hear from you. I wonder if the mortuary would contact you. I would love to hear from you, Robyn. Thank you, I am so sorry to learn of your mother’s death. Rita Bubb, wife of David, who is the son of your dad’s brother. BTW: Dan, jr. died in 2017, at 77 years old. ❤️❤️❤️🌷💕💕💕

Rita Bubb - December 24, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ How could I forget, my dad is also a blacksmith!

Jessie Hendrix - June 12, 2017 at 08:42 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Bubb's passing from Beth and Steve Rice. My husband and I bought her house. It is our forever home now. I am appreciative for all the wonderful work she did in the yard. Now I just have to keep it up! I went to Trinity through middle school and high school, and my mom remembers Mrs. Bubb. I feel like a kindred spirit. I also love animals and handicrafts. We have 14 chickens and 3 dogs, and my latest hobby is hand embroidery. My husband works in the shop on wood projects. It's odd all the coincidences. I am sorry for your loss. There's no replacing a mother.

Jessie Hendrix - June 12, 2017 at 08:40 PM