

Jean Ann Powanda

April 2, 2012

Jean Ann Powanda, Warminster, went to be in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus of Nazareth on Monday.

Born in Frackville, July 18, 1925, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine Niedzwiecki.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Joseph, Chester, Albert, Leonard and Alphonsus; her granddaughter, Melissa Anne Bugbee; and her daughterinlaw, Donna Powanda.

Jean was a 1943 graduate of Frackville High School.

She married John Powanda, Gilberton, and the couple moved to Philadelphia, where they raised a family of three daughters, Gloria (Dan) Gordon, Campobello, S.C., Regina (Wayne) Mack, Warminster, and Pauline (Mark) Collins, Whitehall; and a son, John Powanda, Frackville.

In addition to raising her family, Jean worked as a cashier for Pantry Pride so that she and her husband could provide a good life for their children as well as a strong Catholic education.

After retiring in 1976, John and Jean moved back to Frackville, where they owned and operated a local tavern and restaurant until 1985, when John passed away.

Always wanting to be busy, Jean embarked on a second career in horticulture and flower arranging, which she enjoyed up until her death.

In 1995, Jean moved to Warminster, where she resided with her daughter, Regina. Jean was a member of St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church, Hatboro.

Surviving, in addition to her children, are a brother, Ted; sisters, Elsie and Alice; and grandchildren, Dan, Jeff, Michael, Andrew, Sarah, Cindy, Becky, Jessica and Bethany.

She was a generous and compassionate woman who loved God, her family and her neighbors as herself. She will be sadly missed by many.

Relatives and friends may call from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday at Louis Swift Plunkett Funeral Home, 529 N. York Road, Hatboro. Funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Church, Hatboro.

Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Frackville. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John Bosco Sanctuary Fund, 215 E. Countyline Road, Hatboro, PA 19040, would be appreciated by the family.