



## Bernice Rella Dufano

February 1, 2017

Bernice R. Dufano, age 85, a resident of Mableton, Ga., passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 1, 2017 at Atria of Mableton after a brave battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

She was the daughter of the late John T. Broehm and Susan A. Slowinski Broehm. Bernice was a graduate of Lincoln High School. At 14 she volunteered at a Catholic hospital in Manitowoc. She later worked at Mirro Aluminum Company as a clerk. On October 22, 1955 she married Richard J. Dufano and was married for 50 years. Bernice worked as a parapro at Clay Elementary for 30 years. Bernice opened the school every morning and was a tutor at the school and in her home for years. Educating children was very important to her. She also worked with the Community School program. Bernice enjoyed clothes shopping, crocheting, reading and coloring.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard J. Dufano and her sister Janet M. Gaterman. She is survived by her four sons and their wives: Jim and Sandra of Pace, Fl., Mike and Carolyn of Atlanta, Ga., Dennis and Marie of Dallas, Ga., and Thomas and Clara of Cartersville, Ga., 6 grandchildren: Alexander, Cassandra, Gordon, Andrew, Tyler, and Amber, brother Kenny Broehm and his wife Audrey Broehm and brother-in-law Glenn Gaterman all of Manitowoc, WI., nieces and nephews along with other relatives and friends.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, to please make donations to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

An interment service will be held at a later date to be determined at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. Arrangements are with Davis-Struempf Funeral Home, Austell.

# Cemetery

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## **Georgia National Cemetery**

1080 Veterans Cemetery Road

Canton, GA, 30114

# Comments

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“ To: The Family of Bernice Dufano - With Blessings  
From: Peggy R. Greene - e-mail: pgreene@att.net

FILE BOXES MON 02-06-17

Special thanks to Bernice's daughters-in-law who kindly gave me the stack of small, metal file boxes from Bernice's unit. Her unit is next door to mine.

CLIPPING OF INTEREST TO BERNICE'S FAMILY

I was preparing to use the file boxes. While doing a little dusting, I found a small clipping about 2" W X 1&1/4" H on the back of one of the boxes. No telling the age of it. The paper is off-white, very brittle and the corners broke. With a magnifying glass, I am able to read these 8 short lines. I quote them for you:

"Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life really means."

**Peggy R. Greene** - February 18, 2017 at 05:51 PM

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“ I also was a Para Pro at Clay School and I remember Bernice as such a dedicated, very intelligent and caring person. She spoke often with love and pride of her family.

Dele Boggs

**Dele Boggs** - February 04, 2017 at 07:46 AM



“ Blessings to the family and friends of Bernice Dufano,

There is much sadness shared with you in the death of Bernice which occurred on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

She was my next door neighbor here at Atria Mableton Senior Living in Austell, Georgia.

For a period of time after lunch and dinner, Bernice and I walked in front of the building. She was stronger than me, and she walked all around the building and then out on the roadway.

I was very concerned about her walking alone out there, but she tried to convince me that she felt safe.

Several times when Bernice came to the dining room for breakfast, she carried a pretty little bowl filled with fresh raspberries. We always spoke or waved in passing. She is sorely missed.

Sincerely,

Peggy (Repass) Greene

**Peggy (Repass) Greene** - February 07, 2017 at 12:39 AM



“ Bernice was a dear friend of mine. She worked with me at Clay School for many years. I was a paraprofessional with her for three years and then I became the secretary there. We remained close friends. She always was concerned with helping children learn and even tutored them after school at her home. Bernice kept close with our group as we met for lunch with Retirees and kept up with each other. She always was so proud of her children and grandchildren sharing pictures and stories with the group. She will be missed by so many that love her so much.

With love,

Betty Hester

**Betty Hester** - February 15, 2017 at 09:32 PM