



## Bernice McWilliams

November 29, 1928 - December 31, 2016

Bernice McWilliams, 88, of Cambridge was called to her eternal home on Saturday, December 31, 2016.

She was born November 29, 1928, daughter of the late Ruben Ruthstrom and Hester Fuller Ruthstrom of Glen Campbell, PA.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cambridge and the Discovery Class.

She was married to Leo Niekro for 30 years until his death in 1981. Then she was blessed to have shared her life with Robert McWilliams, her second husband until his death.

Bernice is survived by: one son Brent Niekro; two granddaughters, Cathy and Crystal (Stephen Nolan) Niekro of Cambridge; a step daughter Patty (Duane) Paisley & their children Emily & Bryan Paisley of Cambridge; one step-son Mike McWilliams of Dover; a sister Linda Elbel of PA; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are: her parents; her husbands; four sisters, Mabel Ankeny, Virginia Wilkins, Louise Collier and Alice Tripodi one brother William Ruthstrom.

Services will be at 3 pm on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Visitation will take place from 2 to 3 prior to the service. Pastor Dan Milburn will officiate the service with burial to take place in Burnside Cemetery, Burnside, PA. on Friday at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church / 136 E. 8th Street / Cambridge, Ohio

43725. Bernice's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**At a later date**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 5.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
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### Service

**JAN 5.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Bernice was a very nice lady. I remember when I used to be her paper boy when I was in junior high & high school. Prayers for the family. RIP Bernice, and may light unending shine on you!* ”

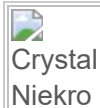


**Jacob Padden** - January 17, 2017 at 08:57 AM

TF

“ *Very nice lady. Sorry to hear of her passing.* ”

**The Pavlov Family** - January 04, 2017 at 09:38 PM



Crystal Niekro

*Thank you for your condolences. She will be missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:42 PM

LK

“ *Larry, Linda, Matt & Nikki Klos purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bernice McWilliams.* ”



**Larry, Linda, Matt & Nikki Klos** - January 04, 2017 at 10:44 AM

BM

“ *Bob and Karen Marks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernice McWilliams.* ”



**Bob and Karen Marks** - January 04, 2017 at 10:33 AM

KM

“ *Karen Marks lit a candle in memory of Bernice McWilliams*



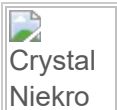
**Karen Marks** - January 04, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DB

“ *So very sorry to hear about Bernice's passing. She was such a good friend. When I lived in Cambridge over 25 years ago she helped me through a rough time. My husband lost his job and had to relocate and I had to stay in Cambridge until my children finished school for that year. Bernice kept tabs on me and my children and didn't let me feel lonely. She was such a wonderful Christian lady and showed it by her actions. We have only sent Christmas cards over the years to keep in touch and I always enjoyed hearing from her. I will miss her very much but will see her again some day.*

*Debbie Barker*

**Debbie Barker** - January 03, 2017 at 05:06 PM



Crystal Niekro

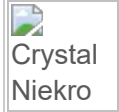
*Thank you for your condolences. She had a kind heart and would help anyone she could if she were able. She enjoyed receiving and sending Christmas cards. Thank you for sharing a memory. She will be greatly missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:47 PM

LK

“ *I have such fond memories of Bernice! She was such a wonderful person and will be missed*

**Linda Roudebush Kuster** - January 03, 2017 at 03:44 PM



Crystal  
Niekro

*Thank you for your condolences. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:44 PM

WP

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bernice was an awesome woman and Christian and such a great friend and leader, especially with my Grandma Polly and their group for Christians who had lost their spouses. She always looked like a million bucks and made an effort to reach out and care for others - especially at our First Baptist family. She will be missed....but we were so very lucky to have her!*

**Wendy Powell** - January 03, 2017 at 01:54 PM



Crystal  
Niekro

*Thank you for your condolences. She certainly was a sharp dressed woman. She loved her church family and she will be greatly missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:48 PM

JH

*“ Bernice was truly a prayer warrior. I loved talking with her regarding her knowledge of the bible. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our condolences to her granddaughters and family. She loved you all very much.  
Jean & Eddie Helmick*

**Jean & Eddie Helmick** - January 03, 2017 at 12:32 PM



Crystal  
Niekro

*Thank you for your condolences. She was a very loved woman. She loved her church family and will be greatly missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:50 PM

RR

“ *Cathy & Crystal,*

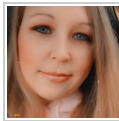
*I am so very sorry for the loss of your grandma. Bernice was an awesome Christian woman who would do anything for you. She truly had a strong walk with the Lord. I will miss not seeing her sitting in the pew church.*

*I pray God will give you all strength and comfort during this very difficult time.*

*Love you, Rhonda Rogers*

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**Rhonda Rogers** - January 02, 2017 at 03:06 PM



*Thank you Rhonda!*

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**Cat Niekro** - January 02, 2017 at 09:48 PM



*Thank you for your condolences Rhonda. Her relationship was strong with the lord. She loved her church family, and she will be greatly missed.*

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**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:51 PM

SW

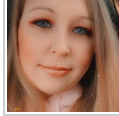
“ *Bernice was a very special Christian Lady who loved the Lord. She was always willing to help others. All of her friends at First Baptist will miss her beyond words. We know that she is in heaven talking with Jesus, and expressing her love to him. Our sincere prayers go out to her family!*



*Love you Bernice, Sandy & Larry*

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**Sandy & Larry West** - January 02, 2017 at 11:47 AM



*Thank you!*

**Cat Niekro** - January 02, 2017 at 09:50 PM



*Crystal and family, so sorry for your loss.*

**cherri tolliver** - January 04, 2017 at 08:20 AM



*This precious lady was a steadfast friend to my parents, Dr. Wayne and Pat. She also supported missions work in Arizona in the 1980's. The world needs more faithful Christian women like Bernice. She will be missed.*

*Randy and Lori (Thatcher) Vogel*

**Randy and Lori Vogel** - January 05, 2017 at 07:59 PM



*Thank you all for your condolences! She would help anyone she could. Her relationship was strong with lord, she loved her church family, and enjoyed sharing her knowledge of the Bible. She will be greatly missed.*

**Crystal Niekro** - January 07, 2017 at 01:55 PM