



## Mrs. Bernice Mae Force

October 3, 1919 - March 10, 2016

Bernice Mae Force, age 96 years, of Cairo, NY, passed away on March 10, 2016.

She was born on October 3, 1919, in Red Oak, Iowa, and is the daughter of the late Ernest and Nora (Spicer) Chastain.

During Bernice's lifetime, she was employed as a secretary for the Department of the Army, she was treasurer of The Cairo United Methodist Church in Cairo for over 25 years, she loved gardening, quilting, she also enjoyed spending time at the church and with her family.

Survivors include her son Thomas J. Force (Catherine) of MI, daughter Diane Steiner (Richard) of Clifton Park, NY, son Terry Force of OK, son Ronald Force of Binghamton, NY, and daughter Carol Force of Switzerland, brother Ernest Chastain of OK, and four grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, Bernice is predeceased by her husband of over fifty years Murray Force, and her sister Marjorie Stapleton.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, on Tuesday, March 15, 2015, from 6-8 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. at The Cairo United Methodist Church, Main St., Cairo, N.Y., with Rev. Retta Lykens, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The Cairo Cemetery, Cairo, NY, next to her late husband Murray.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Cairo United Methodist Church, P.O. Box # 552, Cairo, N.Y., 12413.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net)

# Cemetery Details

## Cairo Cemetery

County Route # 84  
Cairo, NY 12413

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo  
P.O. Box # 383  
29 Bross Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
(518) 622-9503  
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## Funeral

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cairo United Methodist Church  
488 Main Street (P.O. Box # 552)  
Main Street  
Cairo, NY 12413