



Bonnie Burchett Ligon

September 8, 1934 - August 4, 2025

Bonnie Burchett Ligon entered her eternal home in Heaven early Monday morning, August 4, 2025, with her daughters by her side.

Born September 8, 1934, in Center Point, Texas, Bonnie was the youngest of thirteen children of Joseph and Retha Burchett, and the last surviving sibling. She lived a full and vibrant life to the age of 90. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Muriel Ligon, and her daughter, Bonnie Gail Cast (husband, James). She is survived by her son, Eddie McAbee, and daughters, Laura Lynn Ligon and Becky Lynn Parli (husband, Frank). Her beloved family also includes grandchildren Scott McCasland (wife, Ashley), David McCasland (wife, Andrea), Shane McAbee (wife, Meagan), Bekah Cornelius (husband, Chris), and Zachary Ligon Atkins. Bonnie's legacy extends to five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was a devoted member of First Baptist Church Forney, where she expressed her faith joyfully, in word and deed. Her life reflected the "Fruit of the Spirit" as described in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Bonnie loved God above all else and truly cared for others. Her happiness and drive came from helping friends, family, and strangers alike. She often shared scripture with those in need of comfort or encouragement and was always ready to pray

and offer support during difficult times. Her joyous spirit shone through in her habit of exclaiming “Hallelujah” and “Praise the Lord” when good news arrived, continually giving God the glory in her life.

Although her family and friends mourn her passing, they rejoice in the assurance that Bonnie is made new and now dwells in Heaven with her Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Previous Events

Visitation for all family and friends of Bonnie Ligon

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College Ave
Forney, TX 75126
(972) 564-3357

Homegoing Celebration Memorial Service for Bonnie Ligon

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Burchett Ligon*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 12, 2025 at 10:19 AM

BS

“ *I will always be grateful for the impact Ms Bonnie made on my life!*



Ben Swanger - September 06, 2025 at 05:30 PM

VS

“ My heart is so full and warmed just reading all the special memories of sweet Bonnie written here. These memories tell something very important about Bonnie- she was genuine in her love of all of us - she loved with the love of Jesus and that didn't change from person to person. As so many have said, her big smile lit up any space she was in and the way her face lit up with delight and joy when you came for a visit or saw her at church or the grocery store, made you feel so special. Bonnie put her love in action. I remember so many times she was on a campaign to find a bed or a table or clothes or food for someone she had met that was in need. She cared. She took action. She inspired me as she did so many. We had so many wonderful talks. One of my favorite memories was Bonnie going on a mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico with me. She wasn't a young chick at that time but she didn't miss a step. I am so thankful I got to reconnect with her several years ago after I moved from Forney. She hadn't changed. She made me feel like I was her favorite just like she always did. I'm so happy for her to be enjoying the company of the One she truly did love the most - her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Vonnie (Robertson) Salguero

Vonnie Salguero - September 06, 2025 at 12:32 AM



Vonnie, that's beautiful!

Shelley Hunt - September 06, 2025 at 09:57 AM

TR

“ What a blessing Ms. Bonnie was to me! Her love for Jesus was so apparent in everything she did. I remember meeting her as a kid and thinking she just had a glow about her, now I know that was her love for the Lord. I'll miss her sweet hugs, but I know she is rejoicing in Heaven. I'm so grateful to have spent so many special days with her.

Taylor Reese - September 05, 2025 at 11:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.



September 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM

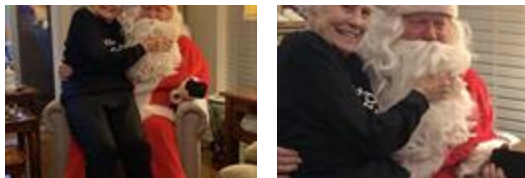


“ Bonnie was a beautiful lady full of wisdom and grace. Her face radiated her love for Jesus! I loved to hear her pray, and see the way God answered those prayers. I am so thankful that God allowed me to meet her, and learn from her. I loved Mrs. Bonnie and know that she is dancing in heaven.

Sonya Covington - September 04, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ All of us who grew up in Forney were so very fortunate to know Mrs Ligon. She had the gift of making every one of us feel important and special. She loved Jesus and it showed in all she did.



Bruce Blair - September 04, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JN

“ I remember so well how Bonnie took me in as a young, very inexperienced church worker. Randy came as youth minister to FBC Forney, and I was right there beside him. We had been in the ministry at only one church prior to coming to Forney. I had so very much to learn, but God knew what he was doing. He put me under Bonnie’s careful watch-care. And care for me she did!! She helped me learn the ins and outs of Forney. She helped me learn to pray for and with the teenage girls we worked with. She taught me what it meant to read God’s Word then listen for His voice. She taught me to love Jesus and let Him love others through me.

Never in a million years could I do anything on the level she did, but I’ll forever be grateful to God for putting me in her care and letting me experience seeing God work through a humble, willing, loving servant.

Jan Newberry

Jan Newberry - September 03, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.



September 03, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.

September 03, 2025 at 09:08 PM

BM

“ *Bailey McCasland purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.*



Bailey McCasland - September 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SF

“ *Sharing the Love Foundation purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.*



Sharing the Love Foundation - September 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TM

“ *T-Roy and Candace Miller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.*



T-Roy and Candace Miller - September 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM

ST

“ *Bonnie Ligon, What can be said that has not already been said? NOT ONE THING!! I met Bonnie after my first son was born (he is 52 now). I went with my sister-in-law Gale to a small bible study in Forney led by Anita. Bonnie was the first to greet us when we walked in, her smile was contagious and the twinkle in her eyes made you feel drawn to her. I am sad today because I can't hug her neck, visit with her, ask for advice or even get a pat on the back, but then I'm also excited because I know where she is and I will see her again someday. The last time I saw Bonnie Gale Becky and I had a surprise lunch with her at Mothers Daughters Diner in Forney. It broke my heart to see her so weak and frail, but that smile was still there. I am blessed to have had a part of my life for 50 years and honored to be called her friend. You have made a Big mark on my life. Sing in heaven until I can join the choir with you Love you Bonnie Sandy Terry*

Sandy Terry - September 03, 2025 at 12:16 AM

JB

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Jamey Burchett - September 02, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JB

Aunt Bonnie always told me I was her favorite nephew. She always encouraged me to follow Jesus. In my times of trouble she would pray for me, and I can honestly say I felt her prays. When I suffered a stroke in 2018, she would drive herself to my rehab facility and bring me pears. She would stay and visit and pray with me for hours. It meant the world to me. When I needed prayers, true honest heartfelt prayers, I would call Aunt Bonnie first. I'm sad that she is no longer her on this earth, but I rejoice knowing I'll see her again in Heaven.

Jamey Burchett - September 02, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JB

“*Aunt Bonnie was a joy to be around! Her “Howdy Doodies” were accompanied by the biggest smile. Her door was always open for visits. I will truly miss her wisdom and sage advice. I’m so THANKFUL to know she’s awaiting my arrival one day at the pearly gates.*”



Jana Burchett - September 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JB

“*Aunt Bonnie was big blessing to me all of my life. She would always lift me up and make me feel special. She prayed for me and with me and I always felt her prayers were special to the Lord. I’m sure going to miss her!*”

Jamey Burchett - September 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *When I first moved to Forney in 2008, I met Bonnie in my new Sunday School class, the Believers Class, at First Baptist Church. She was always encouraging, and her face lit up with that beautiful smile every time she saw you. It wasn't long before she encouraged me to lead a Bible study in her apartment ... partly to develop my teaching skills, but more importantly because she loved her neighbors and wanted to provide a way for them to meet her best friend, the Lord Jesus. We met in her apartment for 2+ years every Tuesday evening! What a blessing to me and to so many others that passed through her doors.*

I remember often calling her and asking if I could come over for 'tea and chatting' because just being in her presence reminded me of Jesus. I have always been amazed that every sentence or two was sprinkled with Scripture, showing exactly how important it is to be in His Word!

One of her favorite songs ... at least it was a few years back ... was "Loving God, Loving Each Other" by the Gaithers. That was her motto ... love God and He fills you with the desire to love others!

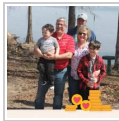
Such an inspiration! She will be missed here, but I'm thankful to have met and known her all these years. My sweet memories of her will always be held close in my heart. Until we meet again in glory at the throne of Jesus ...

Yvonne Morrill (Gaylord) - August 30, 2025 at 10:29 AM

SB

“ I met Bonnie so many years ago I don't remember. Shortly after my husband passed suddenly, Bonnie invited me to begin walking in the mornings at the 'Jack Rabbit' football field...."it is only 2 miles" she exclaimed with a huge grin (almost apologetic)...she walked so fast i had to almost run to keep up with her (i was the younger by at least 25 yrs) Every mirning Bonnie would share her experiences of life & especially those with her best friend Jesus. I had never met anyone before that talked to Jesus as if He was standing just next to her. Often I would catch her just smiling for 'no reason'...upon asking her what was so funny she would share "oh Jesus just reminded me of how good he is to me". This was Bonnie !!! She taught me to love others with no boundaries, give graciously with open arms, trace every step holding on to Jesus' arm and lean into Holy Spirit's prompting no matter where I am. "Oh Praise Jesus"....Bonnie is home now.

Suzanne Brooks - August 30, 2025 at 08:46 AM



Suzanne I never heard this story, thank you for sharing it!!!!

Shelley Hunt - September 06, 2025 at 10:02 AM

GT

“ Bonnie and I were friends for over 50 years, and i never remember a time when we were together that we didn't quote scripture and pray for our families. She was a prayer warrior like no one else that I have ever known. She would pray over your toe if it hurt, and any need that concerned you. I think the Bible verse that describes Bonnie is 2 Timothy 4:7-8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the righteous judge will give to me on that day, and not only to me, but to everyone who have loved His appearing. I will rejoice seeing you in heaven. Gale Terry

Gale Terry - August 29, 2025 at 06:59 PM

LC

“ Bonnie

Bonnie was a huge help to us in some of the early years of the Upward basketball ministry at First Baptist Church, Forney. One year, we found ourselves needing 240 halftime testimonies for that season—30 games a week for 8 weeks. This meant getting people to come at the halftime of each game and speak live in front of the crowd, giving their testimony or a brief word about what the Lord had done for them. This was a huge and overwhelming task in addition to all the other details of managing the ministry. Bonnie took it on herself to make it happen. I can't even remember how it all got started, but Bonnie went and met with Sunday school teachers and other leaders at church, and even recruited believers from other churches. She prayed and prayed and prayed and asked many other people to pray. And somehow we came up with 240 testimonies that season! She was such a precious encourager to us! She would quote Scripture to encourage others—I especially remember her asking God to “do immeasurably more than all we could ask or even imagine”, and also that God “would will and work in us for His good pleasure”. She blessed us greatly and we will never forget her.

Lynette Childress - August 29, 2025 at 04:25 PM

KS

“ *Karla Saucedo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.*



Karla Saucedo - August 28, 2025 at 04:40 PM

KF

“ *Hallelujah for my precious Aunt Bonnie! Spent a lifetime following Jesus and now finally in His presence! Glory! Bonnie was a Christian magnet! She was a great and positive influence in my life. Her warm love taught me alot about Jesus, the Bible, life, love, forgiveness, kindness and joy. Her memory is a special treasure for me. Your loving neice Sassy Sue*

Kathy Frazier - August 27, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ My dearest Aunt Bonnie,

I loved her, she loved me. She loved everyone like the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ beat with her every day. I could see it in her smile and eyes, she had the love and Power of our Savior running through her veins!

I recall a special time Esther and I went to visit Aunt Bonnie. That's when I knew I was her favourite nephew! We woke up to fresh brewed coffee and her wonderful smile and glorious stories of the miracles of our Master. The smell of frying bacon and sausage wafted through the house. There were cat head biscuits and gravy. What I remembered of our short visit was how Aunt Bonnie treated us, we were treated like royalty, and the way she expressed the details of our Lords miracles, it was like she could tell it was Jesus because she knew His voice! It made me want a closer relationship with Christ!

Aunt Bonnie was a servant here on earth. My mom was a complete invalid, and my dad (Aunt Bonnies brother) was slowly going blind with macular degeneration, and slowly dying of cancer. Esther is the Lords own saint for taking such good care of them. Many times, Aunt Bonnie would call us to announce that she was coming to give us a break. Sometimes she would bring Aunt Betty, and maybe Uncle Jim. They would visit and have the best of times laughing and telling stories, and most were the truth! While Aunt Bonnie was there, she shook the whole house with a good spring cleaning, even if it was summer! When Aunt Bonnie left, the house was spotless, smelled clean, the sheets, ALL SHEETS, were washed and folded. Extra food was prepared in the fridge, and EVERYONE had been prayed up!

Later in life I was called to be a missionary in Central America. It didn't matter if it was building a church or simply feeding the poor, Aunt Bonnie would scrape together what she had and donate it to sharing the Gospel of Christ to the least, the lost and the unloved.

Aunt Bonnie was a gentle soul that truly knows the voice of the Lord and would share it with friends, family or others. God bless you Aunt Bonnie for being such a wonderful witness of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Doyle & Esther Burchett

Doyle Burchett - August 27, 2025 at 04:42 PM

AR

“ *Ann & David Reese purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.*



Ann & David Reese - August 27, 2025 at 02:30 PM

TR

“ *The most precious soul. The sweetest voice and loving heart. She loved the Lord and found great pride and joy in teaching young kids, like me. I have not seen your momma in a long time but I will see her again one day and for that, I am grateful. I love you all and look forward to seeing you soon.*

Tascha Robinson - August 27, 2025 at 08:07 AM

SL

“ We were so grateful to be able to reunite with Ms Bonnie after returning from Idaho, sharing stories of ministry and catching her up with all the kids.



Sharon Liston - August 25, 2025 at 03:56 PM

SL

“ What a blessing Ms Bonnie was in the Liston family!! We consider her a partner in ministry. She took our family under her wing, investing time and much prayer in us. She met with us on several occasions to pray for us and the ministry ahead of us in Idaho. We are so grateful for her letters of encouragement and financial support. Liston kids will always remember her as that fun “older lady” who really knew how to pray. God has eternally blessed us and we are thankful to have had Ms Bonnie in our lives. I want to be like Bonnie when I grow up!! She is a beautiful person!!❤️



Sharon Liston - August 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM



When you guys left to go to Idaho, she always talked about you and had you in her prayers!!!

Shelley Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Aunt Bonnie was always the epitome of an angel on earth to me. I did a quick google to see what others might say about that and she fits the full description- 'Often referred to as Earth Angels or Angelic Humans while embodying the divine nature and mission of angels while living among humans. Characterized by compassionate nature, wisdom, and ability to help others. Thought to possess to a unique energy that radiates positivity and light, guiding them in their spiritual duties to spread love and kindness. Seen as special messengers of God, often recognized by their perceptive and empathetic qualities.' Wow- this was my Aunt Bonnie and every time I was around her, talked to her, received a letter/card from her, I was so inspired and want to be more like her!

Stacey Johnson - August 24, 2025 at 11:50 PM



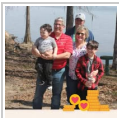
We did not deserve her! oh the crowns she must be laying at his feet!!!

Shelley Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ I've had the honor of serving many patients over the years (as a primary care physician) but I can't think of a brighter soul than dear Bonnie. She naturally lifted the atmosphere of her surroundings and exuded the true love and compassion of Christ. I felt encouraged and spiritually invigorated after every encounter. I feel extremely blessed to have crossed paths with Bonnie and her precious family,

Antonio Barksdale - August 24, 2025 at 10:33 PM



She loved you too, Dr Barksdale!!!

Shelley Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 10:15 AM

LP

“ I have been acquainted with Aunt Bonnie for over fifty years. She has been a delightful person, always offering encouragement and a big smile. Church, family and ministry in the community were common denominators in her life. A few years ago, I finished a two-year intensive Bible study course through my church. Graduation involved writing a sermon that had never been written before. Aunt Bonnie found out about it and wanted (demanded, HA!) to see the video. We visited her a few weeks later and hooked it up to her TV at her home and she focused her attention on it until it was finished. With eyes sparkling, she wanted to know all about the context and application. She was like that, always wanting to hear those "God Stories" that she was so much apart of when she was able to move around better. I will miss her bright smile, quick humor, and all those Bible verses she memorized and shared over the years. Speaking of Bible verses, here are a few that I felt describe her:

Prov. 11:11, "The good influence of godly citizens causes a city to prosper". Rom. 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ".

Ps. 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints".

Enjoy heaven Aunt Bonnie, see you soon!

Lloyd

Lloyd Parnell - August 24, 2025 at 06:17 PM

SS

“ Another time Victoria and I, along with our young son Ben, dropped in on Ms. Bonnie. She took young Ben aside and pulled out her suit of armor. She then proceeded to bless him with her explanation of wearing the armor of God. That's how the Word of God gets passed from generation to generation. We are blessed to have known her and to have worshipped with her.

Scott Swanger - August 24, 2025 at 05:10 PM



Bonnie's impact on us all is greater than we can understand! She may be the one that connected you and Victoria to our class, which we are so grateful!

Shelley Hunt - September 06, 2025 at 10:05 AM

SS

“ *Before I was saved I attended Talty Baptist Church for 6 months. Every Sunday I would see Ms. Bonnie's smiling face and recognize the Spirit of the Living God shining in her! After I made a profession of faith she greeted me and said that she had been praying for me for six months. Wow that's what a servant of the Most High God does and now she is enjoying her reward.*

Scott Swanger - August 24, 2025 at 05:05 PM

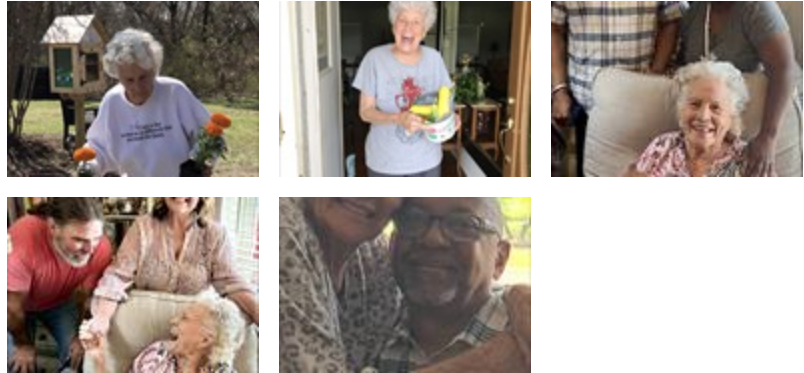
SM

I met ms Bonnie trough our minute men ministry, when we came to help her and Lynn to do some work around their house. She would tell me how she loved Jesus. One day I told her that I was going to start teaching a bible study, she asked me what time and what room. I was so honored that she came on the first day that I started the class to support and prayed for me. But she also had a great sense of humor! One day I came to her house to help with some flooring, so she was expecting me. She put a fake snake at her front door. When I saw it I thought it was real and jumped! She got a good laugh out of that, because she was watching at the window. I know she is rejoicing right now at Jesus's feet.

Sal Martinez - August 24, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MS

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Marian Stewart - August 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM



Thank you Marian!!!

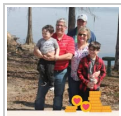
Shelley Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 10:20 AM

LL

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Laura Lynn Ligon - August 23, 2025 at 06:03 PM



Love love love !!!!!

Shelley Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

MS

“ *Mother Bonnie was truly an inspiration to me. She was my mentor for over 15 years, and from the very beginning, it was love at first sight. She had a gentle spirit and delighted in sharing the depth of God’s love with everyone she encountered. She loved the Lord deeply, lived out her Christian faith with grace, and encouraged me to do the same.*

Some of my most cherished memories with her were our shopping trips and lunches at Dairy Queen, where we would swap stories and laugh until our jaws ached. Her love extended not only to me but also to my husband, Walter—she and he shared a very special bond.

I will deeply miss you, Mother Bonnie. Your love, your faith, and your laughter will always remain in my heart.



Marian Stewart - August 23, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LL

Mom is pictured here with two people. She loved with all her ALL her heart!

Walter & Marian Stewart! Walter and Mom were kindred spirits who sincerely enjoyed one another’s company.

And Marian Stewart, is The Founder & Executive Director of Sharing The Love Foundation has so much in common with Mom! Suffice it to say the two of them were cut from the EXACT SAME cloth! Like mom, Marian’s entire life has been devoted to caring for others and teaching children (and SO MUCH MORE). Never a week passes that Marion or her students or others in her organization, delivers fruit and vegetables, gifts for every single occasion, along with encouragement and her own genuine ever essence to not only mom but so many other seniors and people in need of help in our town.

LLL - August 23, 2025 at 05:47 PM

SB

“Bonnie and I met back in 1974, when Stacy was a baby and we were together in the nursery at First Baptist Church. She quickly became my dearest friend. We spent many hours together cooking—she taught me how to can beans and soup, make chicken and dumplings, and boil squash. We even rode bicycles through downtown Forney back when the town was really small, with little traffic and just a few people.

I remember one time we went to Oklahoma to get a horse for Muriel. We had the best time going up there and coming back—just us, the horse in the trailer, and Muriel’s blue pickup. Bonnie often hosted ladies’ retreats in her home, and we also traveled out of town for retreats.

She was my friend, my mentor, and she stood with me during the good times and the hard times. She always had such a sweet, gentle spirit. She did so many good things for people in this town—organizing donations when someone needed a washing machine, a bed, a couch, or food. She was also a soul winner, leading people to Jesus.

I know that when she took her last breath here and came face-to-face with Jesus, He said, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

—Shirley Bearden

Shirley Bearden - August 23, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DS

“David and Kathy Session met Bonnie the first time we went to Talty Baptist Church (at the time it was a Mission Church in a double-wide mobile home). Our daughter had started going; David and I went, met Bonnie and it was like she had known us forever. Bonnie always had a smile and praised Jesus when ever we met.

David and Kathy Session - August 23, 2025 at 01:58 PM

KY

“ my sweet aunt bonnie,
she carried Gods love everywhere she went! the last time we saw
her will always be a sweet memory! the entire time we were there
she was holding my hand! every once in awhile she would just look
at me and smile! she radiated Gods love! at the end i got to pray
over her and it will always be a sweet moment!
that day while in aunt bonnie’s room the one thing i had noticed
about it was the butterflies that were up on the wall. i had also been
wearing a butterfly shirt. the one thought that came to mind was
how much aunt bonnie reminded me of them. she’s always been
willing to spread her wings and fly. so i’ve decided that when i turn
18 i would love to get a tattoo to honor her. i’ve always wanted
something meaningful for my first tattoo and this was the perfect
thing to do!
love,
kylie daniel

kylie - August 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM

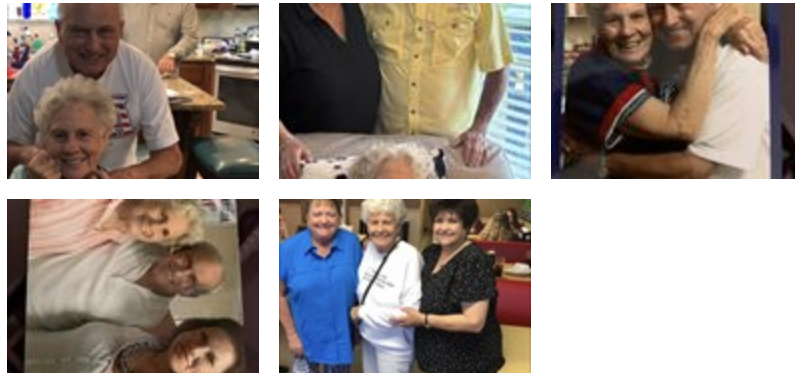
KD

“ My sweet, precious Aunt Bonnie. You always carried such a gentle
spirit and a love that reached everyone around you.
One of the things I will treasure most is how you always wanted me
to sing to you. . Music was our little connection, and through every
note, I could see how much it meant to you.
Though you are no longer here, I will carry your memory in every
song, and I know you are now hearing the sweetest music of
heaven.
I love you so much and can’t wait to see you.
Love you,
Kelley Daniel

Kelley Daniel - August 23, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TB

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Tommy amd Shirley Burchett - August 23, 2025 at 08:29 AM

RM

“ God love Aunt Bonnie. What a sweet, beautiful soul she was. There will never be another woman to equal her in my eyes. Her presence was real, genuine, thoughtful and caring. Really the real deal! She always showed Gods love by the way she spoke and her actions. Aunt Bonnie always loved telling me a story about myself. She would tell it many times over the years. She would say "When you were real little, you were a sickly child. Me and your mama always worried about you getting sick. We wouldn't let you go outside without a bonnet on your head. One day while wearing the bonnet, we look outside and saw you had taken the bonnet off. I went outside and put it back on you. A little later we check again and saw that you had done it again. This went on again and again. Finally I went outside and told you Robin I'm sick and tired of you pulling this off your head!" And you said with both hands on your hips, "Well I am sick and tired of you too"! " She would just laugh. Robin Markle

Robin Markle - August 22, 2025 at 07:22 PM

RN

“ I remember when we came in view of a call to be the youth minister at First Baptist Church back in 1978, we had a great day and the church voted for me to be the youth minister. That day I learned the Forney Jackrabbits had a home game that Friday night. We decided to attend. No one at the church knew we were coming to the game. At halftime I went to the concession stand to get snacks for our kids. And guess who waited on me, Bonnie. She looked at me and her eyes lit up and she realized who I was. She asked me if I was the new youth minister and of course I said “Yes.” She welcomed me and from then on she blessed me and our ministry at the church.

Randy Newberry - August 22, 2025 at 07:11 PM

CC

“ Bonnie was my 9th grade Sunday School teacher and remained my spiritual mentor for many years. What I learned from Bonnie was that having a relationship with Jesus was so much more than religion. She truly loved the Lord and His Spirit radiated through her. I am sure that when she got to Heaven the angels were singing and celebrating, and I am looking forward to seeing her again one day!

Carla Clark - August 22, 2025 at 01:07 PM

LL

Hey Carla,
Thank you for this meaningful tribute to Mom.

When you said, "What I learned from Bonnie was that having a relationship with Jesus was so much more than religion", it reminded me of my all-time favorite church billboard I spotted while driving along some highway once and never forgot it. The billboard said:
"Christianity is not a religion. Christianity is a relationship!"

BTW, I don't believe I ever told you how utterly elated Mom was whenever I told her you were regularly volunteering at prisons by ministering to the prisoners, sharing the gospel with them and had become an official Prison Chaplain.

Laura Lynn Ligon - August 23, 2025 at 04:10 PM

LM

“ One time, Bonnie’s chickens got out of the pen. She called Eddie & me to come over and help catch them. I had never been that close to a live chicken, much less held one before. She snatched one up and handed it to me, like I knew what to do. I just froze, holding this chicken straight out in front of me. All the chickens were eventually caught, before everyone realized I was still holding my first chicken.



Lisa McAbee - August 22, 2025 at 12:17 PM

LL

Lisa, that chicken story will forever remain in the best-ever-story annals of our family!

It has been told time and again. In fact, it was only a few weeks back that some new friends were here regaling their own first chicken experience. I could hardly wait for them to finish telling their chicken-virgin story so that I could tell YOURS!

I recall Eddie saying something like, "It wasn't until we got all the chickens back inside the coop and the door latched that we noticed poor poultry rookie Lisa.

She was standing completely frozen—arms stretched out—with a near-death grip on that first hen mom had passed her while performing a quarterback sneak heading to gather a few more.

The mission was finally accomplished, and all but one chicken was accounted for. The one that Lisa was still clutching. She was standing completely paralyzed, having no idea what to do with that chicken or what it might do to her.

BUT GOD BLESS HER, SHE HUNG ONTO THAT CHICKEN until we rescued the two of them from one another!"

Laura Lynn Ligon - August 23, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JB

“ *Bonnie was an incredible woman I had the divine opportunity of meeting and becoming her hairstylist till the end of her life.*

What an honor !!!!

Bonnie walked in a room and you were a different person when she left because of her positive position on life and of course, her steadfast Faith in her Lord and Savior.

Her daughters Lynn and Becky are evident of her character and she left behind two remarkable women they I know will carry on her Legend, because a legend was what she truly was. I am heartbroken and will miss her for a long time to come. Rest in Peace my Sister.



Jeanne Batchelor - August 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SM

“ My sweet Grandmother played a huge part in my relationship with our lord Jesus. She was helping me memorize scripture at a very young age and made it fun for me. She has been a true rock in my life. If I wanted to hear a kind and loving voice, I just had to pick up the phone and call her. A little conversation and prayer and I was good to go. I'll never forget the summer visits and being able to just be a kid. The dinners with toast so crunchy it made us laugh with family and friends.

I was actually lost for words for the past week or so. Now i can't stop writing lol. Grandmother loved my wife and our football team of kids. My son Devon gave his heart to Jesus at a young age with her thanking the Lord all the way. I just found out the other day he still has the Bible she gave him. My daughter Bailey loved my grandmother. All the kids did.

The younger generation called her grandma honey. She always loved her family and friends with all her heart. I've got some lasting memories with recent pictures I'll save and pass on when it's time. Ok I'll shut up now but I want everyone to know there was no one else like her. A huge influence in my life and my relationship with Jesus. Until I see her again!!

Love,
Scott M.

Scott McCasland - August 22, 2025 at 01:22 AM

CH

“ I met Bonnie when I was a little girl and I thought she was the most beautiful creature I had ever seen. She had olive complexion with the whitest teeth and perfect coral lipstick that never faded. She always wore a wide, heavy gold wedding band that was just a little too big for her finger. She had the kindest brown eyes. Like a deer’s eyes, full of love and tenderness and maybe a little hesitation. Before she answered your question or comment on the situation you might bring to her, she would always wait a moment and look down before answering as if her life depended on the answer she gave you. There was not an inauthentic, selfish, mean spirited bone in her body. How could I write a single memory when my mine overflows with her right now. Hmmm. Maybe the time I decided to elope with my boyfriend at 16, but went to Bonnies house first and let her talk me out of it. Maybe when she served on the board of a children’s ministry and her wisdom confounded all of the board members when she spoke. Or maybe the time when at a fundraiser a man stood up and asked anyone willing to commit to 10,000.00 dollars stand with him and she stood, knowing she didn’t have it but determined to find it. Memory? No there is not a single memory that stands out to me. They all overtake me. She was never too busy, never in a hurry, never unavailable. She would go straight to the throne of God for anyone in need and make an appeal that could not be turned away. She was my second mom. She was my best friend. I will sorely miss the rare presence of her in this world. She has gone ahead of us to build a fire. She must build this fire very big, so we can find her. Always yours Bonnie, Cheree Hamblen

Cheree Hamblen - August 21, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MP

“ From Mary Penny:
Bonnie was one of the very First Lady I met when we moved to Forney, and what a wonderful lady she was. I had a very wonderful prayer warrior in our previous church and was going to dread missing her, and then God gave me Bonnie , and Oh what a wonderful replacement, Bonnie was just what I needed. She was a wonderful prayer warrior and friend. God knew exactly what I needed. I will Miss my friend so much , but am so glad God has called her home. No more suffering, no more pain. And she raised a wonderful daughter Lynn to be my friend and I know I can call Lynn any time for prayer. Thank you Jesus for giving me Bonnie for the last 24 years to love and pray for me . What a dear and wonderful friend she was to me. Will miss you my friend, but will see you in Heaven when God calls me home.



Mary Penny - August 21, 2025 at 07:40 PM

LL

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Laura Lynn Ligon - August 21, 2025 at 07:36 PM

LL

Bonnie on a church bus trip in 2017. This was at Mount Magazine State Park in Arkansas. Shelly Hunt was her roommate.

Laura Lynn Ligon - August 21, 2025 at 07:36 PM

VC

“ Bonnie was the first person we met when we moved to Forney. She lived right across the street from us. She came over, introduced herself and brought some of her delicious home cooking! She and I became sisters in the Lord, and we spent many hours at her house, reading scripture and praying together. Bonnie was the epitome of love! I cannot think of anyone who embodied the love of Christ more than she did! One specific memory that I treasure...we had gone out of town and our house caught fire. We were notified and immediately came back home. When we opened the door there was a strong smell of smoke and everything inside was either smoke or water damaged. But our precious friend Bonnie made sure that when we walked in, the first thing we saw was the large poster she had made! It said “Luby and Vickie are can-do kids. They can do all things through Christ that strengthens them.” What a precious encouragement that was in a time of great stress and uncertainty. Well, that’s just the way Bonnie was. Such a beautiful, strong, good woman...full of the love of God! I’m sure she is rejoicing in heaven now, and is in that great cloud of witnesses... Cheering us all on til we make it home. ❤️❤️❤️



Vickie Cleveland - August 21, 2025 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ Bonnie lived down the street from me on Melody Lane. Bonnie loved to share her time and compassion to others and always praised our Living Savior.

Myra Short - August 21, 2025 at 06:27 PM

WP

“ *Bonnie looked forward to attending the Deacon Widow Banquet every year! She loved visiting with friends and church members she had not seen for a while. She always had that beautiful smile on her face, and such a gracious and thankful spirit. We loved her and know she is healed and worshipping her Savior in heaven. We will see her again some day!*

Wayne Pritchard - August 21, 2025 at 05:38 PM

WP

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Wayne Pritchard - August 21, 2025 at 05:34 PM

WP

October 2023, First Baptist Church Forney with Wayne and Charlotte.

Wayne Pritchard - August 21, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DR

“ I always enjoyed visiting Ms Bonnie so much . She could lift my spirit just with her beautiful smile. We would sit down at her kitchen table in her little apartment and she would make a small pepperoni pizza and “always” add some jalapeños to spice it up. Sometimes when she and Lynn had a special project around Christmas time to help some children in need or a family, she would get this huge smile on her face knowing I was all in. Those visits meant the world to me and there has ALWAYS been a special place in my heart for her. Always will be..... What a life of giving and helping others she led. If ever there was an angel next to me it was definitely Ms. Bonnie. Thanks Lynn and Ms. Bonnie for the memories.....

David Reese

David Reese - August 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM

BR

“ One thing I remember about Bonnie is how she always loved to join in when Lynn and Becky or just when just either Lynn or Becky would start in doing some high school cheer as if they (Lynn or Becky or both) were back in high school doing cheers! What a smile that brought to Bonnie’s face and shown thru the heart of love she has! Oh yes, she join in on every single one that I saw being done! Another thing I remember Bonnie for is after she had a meal prepared for her she seemed to always say “That was the Best meal I ever had” no matter what it was or how it really tasted! Bonnie, now you can say that while eating at the Lords Supper Table and be so true! Thank warm heart! (got that saying from her, too!)

Brooks - August 21, 2025 at 04:24 PM

GP

“ Bonnie was a true prayer warrior who devoted her life to a ministry of serving and giving to; her church, friends, neighbors and the community of Forney. Several people (including me) have said, “ Bonnie is the sweetest woman on earth”. I treasure our friendship and my memories of her. Glinda Pipkin

Glinda Pipkin - August 21, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TR

“ Tommy rey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.



Tommy rey - August 21, 2025 at 03:51 PM

TR

“ Tommy rey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Burchett Ligon.

Tommy rey - August 21, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BM

“ Bonnie was my friend, an amazing spiritual mentor, my vision of what being "conformed to the image of Christ" might look like, and a Proverbs 31 woman on all counts. I will miss her smile and her wisdom, but my goodness she is home!
Becky and Jim McConnell

Becky McConnell - August 19, 2025 at 09:44 PM

WB

“ Bonnie was one of my dearest friends while I lived in Forney! She was a beautiful soul! We took trips to Branson, shared our love for Jesus, our heartaches, parked at Dairy Queen having our dessert sharing our love for one another! Or Taco Casa! We shared a song about when one of us get to heaven to be sure and “Look For Me” cause I will be there too! She knew so much about the Bible and loved The Lord with all her heart! She will be greatly missed! Love you sweet Bonnie!

Wanda Boyer - August 17, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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Laura Lynn Ligon - August 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM

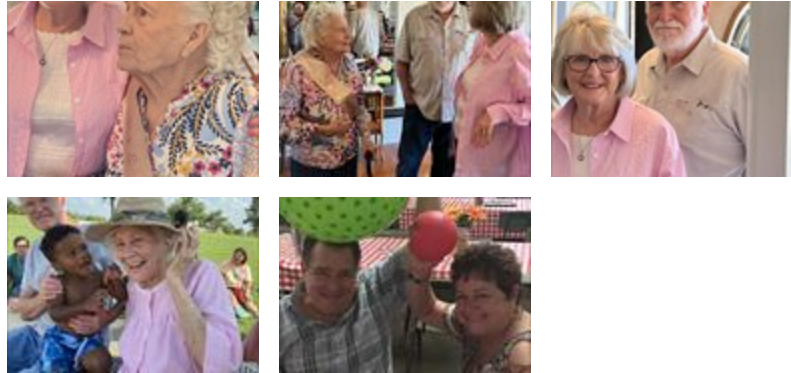
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Both of these pics are of mom & her niece, Robin Markle (Aunt Betty's daughter). Mom gave her that Monkey she was holding when she had been hospitalized..

LLL - August 23, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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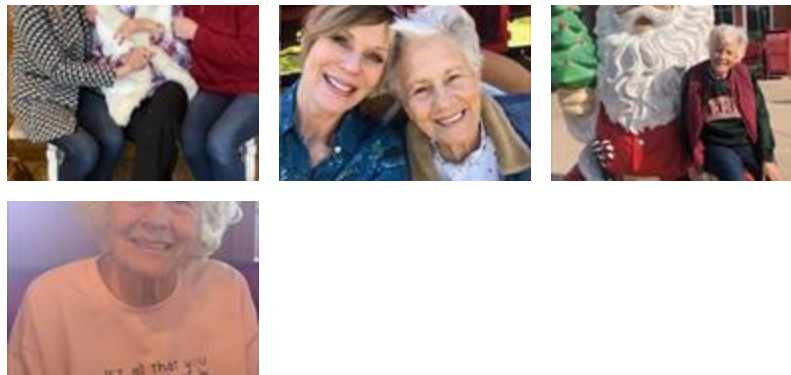
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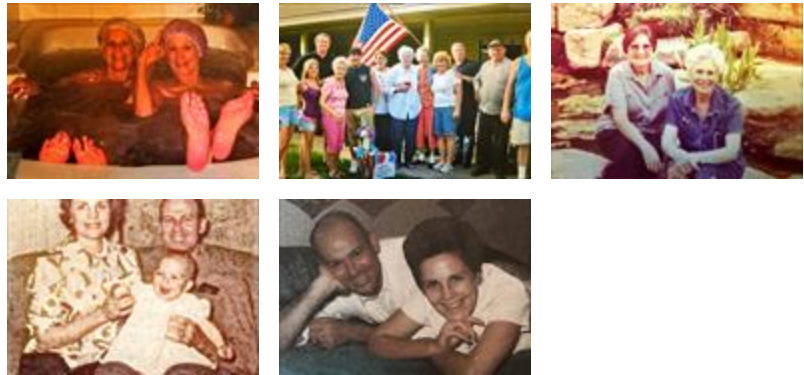
EB

Bonnie was one of my best friends. She was not like a mother but a friend. We used to laugh that one of my best friends was 90 years old. We used to have bible study and prayer in the mornings at 4:30 AM Sharp! It was awesome. She was such a blessing and she was always pulling on the anointing. We would preach to each other! Anyway, I know you are so happy now. I had a dream that I saw you and Jesus together looking over the service and then you looked at me and winked and you and Jesus begin to leave. I saw these big gates open looked like giant pearls and you and Jesus got into a Chariot with horses in the front. Betty was right there waiting on you and jumped into the Chariot with you. You two started hanging and laughing. There was much noise and praising of the Lord. Confetti and trumpets were going off. You looked back as Jesus, you and Betty begin to move forward and you winked at me again. The picture begin to fade as the gates begin to close. Love you Bonnie and I will see you soon!

Eric Bearden - August 19, 2025 at 11:35 PM



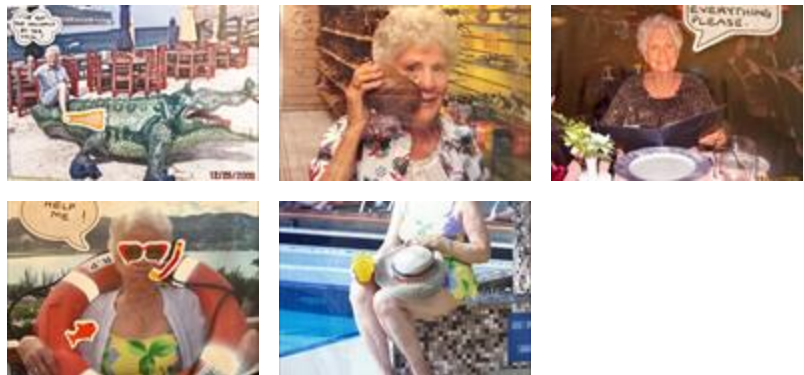
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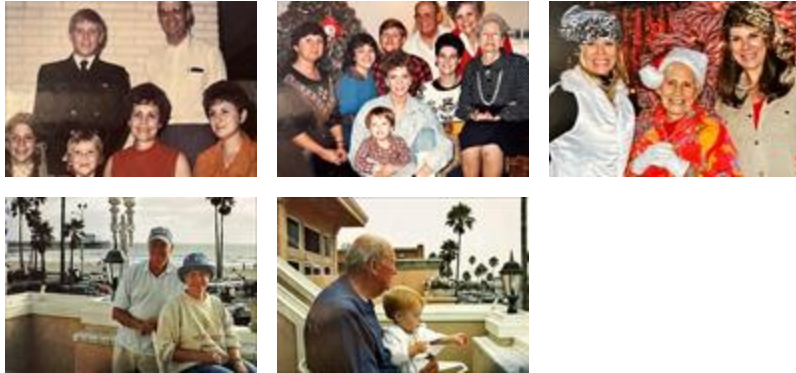
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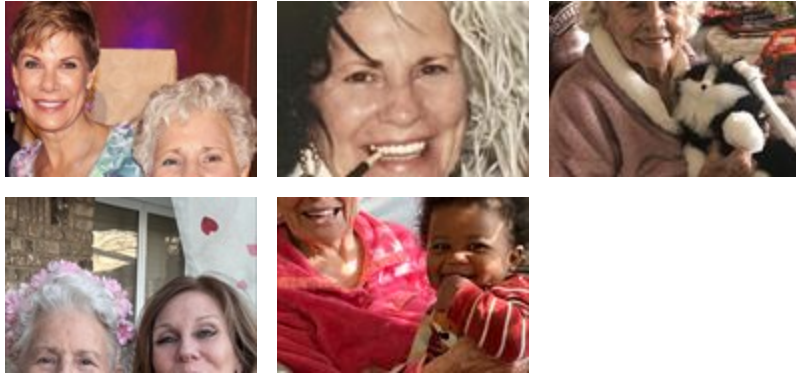
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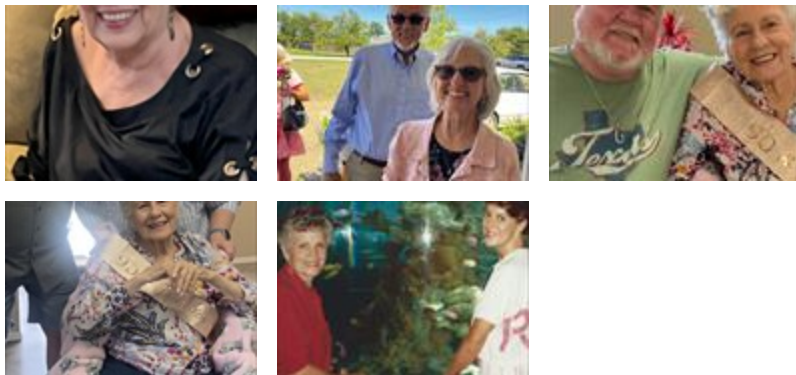
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Donnie, Eddie, Mae Ligon,
Grandmother Ligon and
Granddaddy Ligon



Laura Lynn Ligon - August 15, 2025 at 11:00 PM

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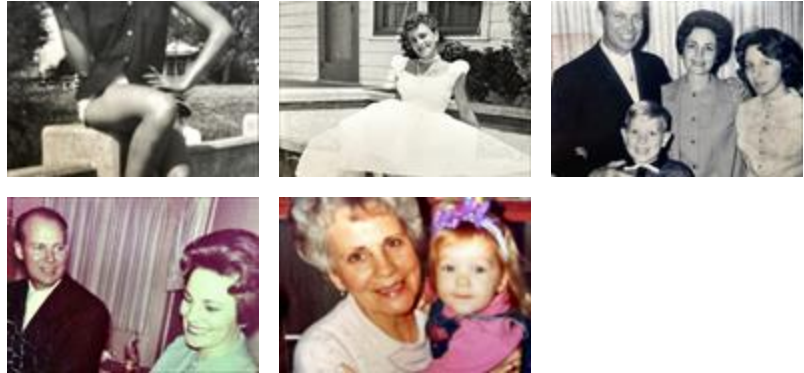
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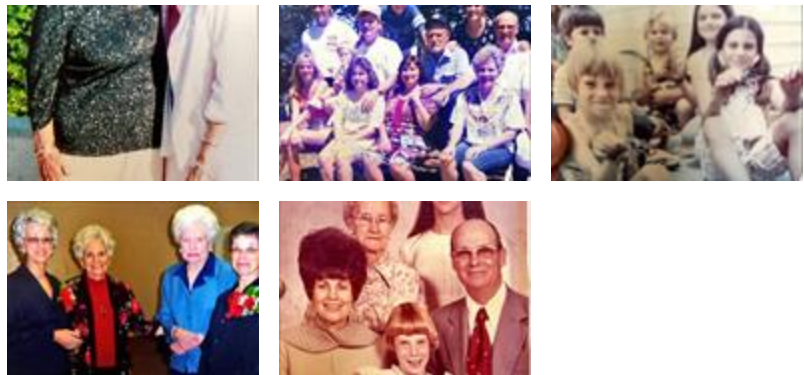
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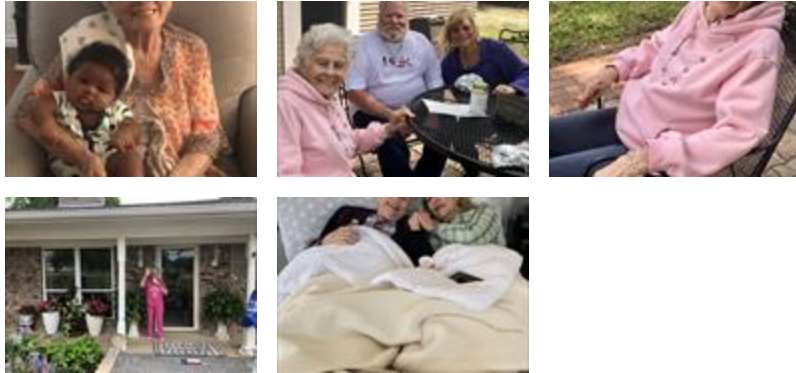
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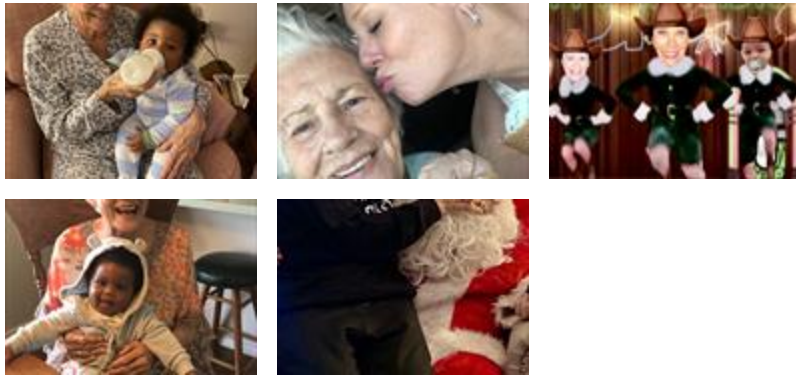
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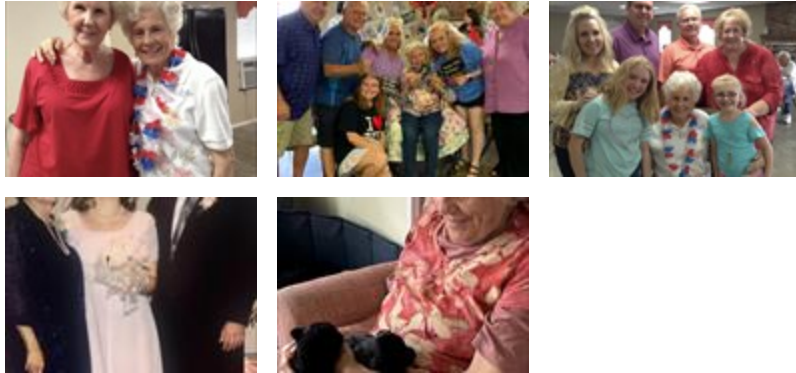
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Laura Lynn Ligon - August 15, 2025 at 10:26 PM

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Laura Lynn Ligon - August 15, 2025 at 09:22 PM

SH

“ I met Bonnie in a Bible study 25 yrs ago. She said we were kindred spirits. From our first meeting I never dreamed God would bless me with a mother, best friend, spiritual mentor, encourager, and 2 bonus sisters! Our kids call her Grandma Honey.

She loved, everyone so well, everyone thought they were her favorite person!

Letters of encouragement.... I bet she sent 1000's; out to everyone she met. They are even more precious now and her teachings will live on.

Everyday was her best day, every meal was the best one she had ever tasted, every spiritual song was the most profound.

Her daily recitation“This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it!!!!” She truly lived everyday to the fullest—the joy of the Lord was her strength.

I pray all of us who were touched by her will carry on what she taught.... My top 4

Memorize and pray Gods word back to Him.

Let your light shine so that others will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Put on the whole armor of God so we can resist satans schemes

When the devil is messing with you and your family speak the name of Jesus over that loser and he will flee! (Sword of the spirit)

Oh Bonnie I know you and your Momma are singing to Jesus with a perfect singing voice AND perfect eye sight!!!!!!

Save me a place to sit with you on your front porch.

*Your chosen daughter,
Shelley Hunt*

Shelley Hunt - August 15, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CH

“ *Dear, Dear Bonnie, You will forever be in our hearts. Thank you for your Prayers, Love and Wise Words. We loved receiving all your cards with cherished notes in them. Loving Memories till we meet again.*

James & Cindy Hubbs

Cindy Hubbs - August 06, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RS

“ *Bonnie was such a sweetheart & had the most beautiful smile. You will definitely be missed. Fly high sweet angel. Praying for peace & comfort to all of Bonnie's family & friends.*



Richard & Tricia Selman - August 06, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LW

“ *LuAnn & Chrissy Willis lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Burchett Ligon*



LuAnn & Chrissy Willis - August 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LU

Bonnie, no words express the love Chrissy and I have for you. Being Chrissy's Forever Friend was one of the greatest things that ever had in Chrissy's life. You taught her so much about the love of GOD. You and Lynn blessed Chrissy on several birthdays going all out the way y'all did. I mean decorating the Dairy Queen. It was so awesome and so were you and Lynn. Our hearts are broken. But Bonnie is home! Praise the Lord!! BONNIE IS HOME and waiting for us all. All our love.

Luann - August 17, 2025 at 01:19 PM

CE

“ Heartfelt condolences to Bonnie’s family. She was my neighbor 43 years ago. Loved her so much!

caryl (Padgett) Eberhardt - August 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM

KW

“ Ligon Family: Bonnie was the best Aunt anyone could have. She was a fine Christian woman. Her smile and laughter will be surely missed. Rest in peace dear one!!!

Kim Wilhite - August 05, 2025 at 01:26 PM

TB

We have many memories but one that stands out happened 6/23/21 when cousin Kathy Frazier and I took Aunt Bonnie to eat at Madres Cochina Mexican Restaurant in Forney. We shared stories and had fits of laughter. We all enjoyed our food and each other so much. As we left the restaurant walking down the sidewalk on the way to the car we all held hands and sang Zippity Doo Dah at the top of our lungs, laughing all the way. Tommy was always so grateful to her for bringing a vial of holy water she brought home from the holy land and sprinkled me and prayed over me while I was on life support. Tommy attributes this as to why I’m here 11 years later 🙏❤️. She also asked Kathy and I to be sure everyone knew how much she appreciated Brooks for all his help and care when she and Lynn needed help. Shirley and Tommy Burchett

Tommy amd Shirley Burchett - August 21, 2025 at 10:13 PM

VP

I have had many very wonderful aunts in my lifetime. Each a blessing in their own way. Aunt Bonnie was so very special to me. Maybe because my mom, Betty, loved her little sister so much. And maybe because Aunt Bonnie, from the time I was a little girl, always reminded me that I was her namesake. We share the same middle name. She's Bonnie Aline & I'm Vicky Aline. I've never known such a Spirit filled, loving, encouraging, Proverbs 31 woman as she was. When I lost my mom, she became my 2nd mom. And when she lost Bonnie Gail & I lost Chris, we were able to bond even closer. I have so many notes & cards of encouragement that I've kept over the years & that I have read & re-read 100 times. What a BLESSING she has always been to me. She always made me feel like I was the most important person on earth. But everyone that knew her felt the very same way. I love you dear Aunt Bonnie. Give our love to all our loved ones in Heaven. Hope to meet you there soon!

*Love & Kisses,
Vicky. ☐*

Vicky Parnell - August 22, 2025 at 09:05 PM