



## Bonnie Harris

January 1, 1929 - July 5, 2020

Bonnie W. Harris: 1929-2020

Bonnie Harris passed away at age 91 on July 5, 2020. Bonnie Lee Whitt was born on January 1, 1929 in Ashland, KY to Emzie and Mary Brown Whitt. She was the youngest of nine children all predeceased: Marie Whitt, Carl Whitt, Lorraine Whitt, George Whitt, Ruby Whitt, Vena Whitt, Edith Whitt and Bob Whitt.

Bonnie was married to Wesley H. Harris on June 28, 1953. They had three children, Lucilyn Denton, predeceased March 1999, Bruce H. Harris and Lori A. Harris. Their grandchildren are Sarah Long Denton, Derrick W. Briel, Jessica Nicole Anna Harris and Candice J. Georgis. Their great grandchildren are Justin Long, Andrew Long, Matthew Long, Lucas Long and Austin Marshall.

Bonnie and Wesley met at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. Wesley became an ordained minister and they partnered throughout their lives in ministry to the Lord and life-long members and associated with southern Baptist churches which included: Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, KY; Belmont Baptist church, Ashland, KY; Welsh Memorial Baptist Church, Frostburg, MD; West Lanham Hills Baptist Church in Lanham Hills, MD; Carrollan Woods Baptist Church, New Carrollton, MD; Harford Road Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD; Maryland City Baptist Church, Laurel, MD; Haines Creek Baptist Church, Leesburg, FL; Montverde Baptist Church, Montverde, FL and Tri County Baptist Church, Lady Lake, FL. While Wesley was the pastor, Bonnie was fully and deeply involved in the ministry serving in the capacities as church pianist, church organist and women's Sunday school teacher. Church and serving Christ was the center of her life.

Bonnie graduated from Boyd County High School in Ashland, KY in 1946 and began college at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY where she completed two years of education. Immediately thereafter, Bonnie secured a job as an English and Social Studies teacher at McKell High School in South Shore, KY. She then returned to Georgetown College and completed the following two years of college earning a degree in teaching.

She continued her education and attended Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, KY.

In Bonnie's career as a teacher, she specialized in English and reading. She taught at Robert Goddard Junior High School in Lanham, MD; Herring Run Junior High in Baltimore City, MD; and finishing her career at a Baltimore City High School. Bonnie loved teaching and her students and had a satisfying career.

Bonnie and Wesley moved to Orange Blossom Gardens, Lady Lake, FL in 1990. They bought a small modular home which they expanded and created into a beautiful and quaint, cozy home. They lived there until 2011 when Wesley passed away. Bonnie then moved in with Lori, and her husband, Ted at their home in Clermont, FL, where she lived several years. In 2014 she moved into The Benton House in Clermont, a senior citizen's home. After declining in health, she returned to live with Lori and her husband. In November 2018, Bonnie's last home was Lakeshore Manor in Clermont, FL. Lakeshore Manor was exemplary in their care of Bonnie. Louella, one of her caregivers, took extraordinary care of Bonnie. They loved each other and bonded as if Bonnie was her own grandmother, and Bonnie, back to her as well. Thank you.

# Comments

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“ I pray peace and love for the family of Ms. Harris.



Stacia LaGarde - July 10 at 10:02 AM

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“ Grandma, I will always miss you and you will live in my heart forever. You taught me by example how to be a lady and maintain grace even when going through hard times. I love you. I know Pop and Momma were waiting to greet you when you stepped through the gates.

Sarah - July 10 at 09:42 AM

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“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Harris



Sarah - July 10 at 09:38 AM

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Sarah - July 10 at 09:11 AM

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“ As an owner and frequent visitor to Lakeshore Manor, it was my joy to know and love Bonnie for nearly two years. Every time I visited her I was met with her big smile and sparkling eyes. It was so apparent that she had Jesus in her heart, every single day. Her sweet spirit was ever-present.

Godspeed, our sweet Bonnie! You will be greatly missed until that day when we are reunited in the presence of our Lord. We will love you always!

James Rothrock - July 09 at 07:51 PM

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Lori Kirkland - July 09 at 05:11 PM

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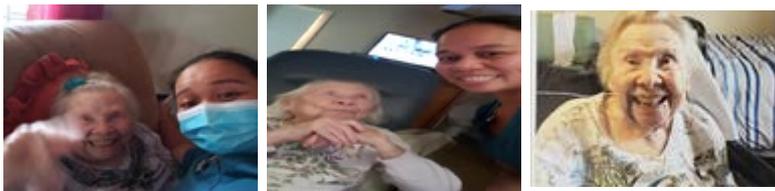
“ To Lori Kirkland & my brother in law Bruce Harris. Your Mothers pictures brought back some good memories of your Mother, Father, you & your family Lori & of you Bruce. All of you were very kind to me when I visited Florida and i have never forgotten that. Your Mother was a very lovely woman & your father a very good man. Seeing her smiling face in the pictures put a smile on my face. Thank You Bonnie. God Bless you Bonnie, Wesley, Lori & family, and Bruce & Chris. With Love, Lance Carlton

lance carlton - July 09 at 03:29 PM

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Lori Kirkland - July 09 at 02:03 PM

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“ Condolence to the Family of our Beloved Bonnie Harris. She was always a happy person and an Angel to me. I loved and treated her like my own Grandmother. My heart is hurting for her passing but i know she is happy now in the kingdom of our God Almighty. I love you very much my Bonnie and i will forever carry you in my heart. Rest in Peace! :(



**Louella Bessette** - July 09 at 01:52 PM



“ Sweet picture

**James Rothrock** - July 09 at 09:11 PM



“ I have known Bonnie Harris only through her son Bruce. His love of music, his work ethic, his sense of morality, his compassion and his entire being reflect who his mother was! My life is blessed by knowing Bonnie Harris through the eyes of her dear son Bruce! Nanette Schuelke

**Nanette Schuelke** - July 09 at 12:47 PM



“ Bruce and Chris and Family, So sorry to hear about your Mom. You are in our hearts and prayers. Love, Bill and Sandy Sciamanna

**Sandra Sciamanna** - July 09 at 12:17 PM



“ Christina Carlton-harris lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Harris



**christina carlton-harris** - July 09 at 10:11 AM



“ Bonnie and her husband Pastor Harris were wonderful people who believed and walked in the Lord. I was in Bonnie's "Ladies Sunday School Class" I learned so much of the Lord and how to live daily as a Christian from her teachings. She was very compassionate, understanding, and an encourager. She will be missed by many!!

Amber Beall

Amber Beall - July 09 at 10:05 AM

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“ Bruce Harris lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Harris



bruce harris - July 09 at 10:03 AM



“ to my mother BONNIE HARRIS go and be at peace MOM your family up above waited a very long time to hug and kiss you you all are together as one with your dear husband WESLEY my FATHER by your side the memories of the past are now here reminding us of family and of our family..... tell the LORD i said please take care of my MOTHER your son with so much love BRUCE HARRIS

bruce harris - July 09 at 10:10 AM



“ for LORI KIRKLAND AND BRUCE HARRIS i am so very sad for your loss of your MOTHER having pictures for seeing the life you all had together is wonderful but its the pictures one cannot view that means the most of all! a MOTHER is a ultimate gift from the LORD and a bond that can never be broken may BONNIE rest in peace and may LORI and BRUCE feel her love and her knowing that she was given the chance to guide you for your futures and she was very proud to be called LORI;S and BRUCES MOM! GOD BLESS HER always christina carlton-harris

christina carlton-harris - July 09 at 10:21 AM

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Lori Kirkland - July 09 at 07:22 AM

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Lori Kirkland - July 09 at 07:12 AM

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Daughter Lori - July 09 at 07:06 AM

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“ Lori Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Harris



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