



Mrs. Bonnie Phares Herren

August 19, 1920 - August 11, 2017

Bonnie Phares Herren of Willow Springs passed away on Friday, August 11, 2017, at Strafford Care, Strafford, Missouri. Born on August 19, 1920, in West Plains to Frank and Ethel (Calbert) Lilly, she was 96 years and 357 days old.

Bonnie grew up in the Hutton Valley community. After graduation from Willow Springs High School, she worked locally until moving to Baltimore, Maryland, where she worked at Martin Aircraft, building planes for the war effort as a real-life Rosie the Riveter. After returning to Willow Springs, Bonnie later married Allen Phares and eventually went to work for Rawlings Sporting Goods. Starting in the late 1960s and until her retirement, she worked as a clerk at Padgett Hardware in Willow Springs. A lifelong Southern Baptist, Bonnie was an active member of both Trinity Baptist and First Baptist Churches. Bonnie was a strong supporter of the Willow Springs community and schools. An avid (if not rabid) fan of Bears sports, she seldom missed a football or basketball game until well into her 80s when her health failed.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Jack Lilly, a sister Betty Hedrick, and three husbands: William Sooter, Allen Phares, and Denver Herren.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter Carolyn Griva (Chuck) of Charleston, South Carolina; a son Chuck Phares (Pat) of Rogersville, Missouri; seven

grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

A visitation will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16th, with funeral services to follow at 2:00, both being held at the First Baptist Church in Willow Springs. Burial will follow in the Willow Springs City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
402 N Harris Street
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3295
<http://firstbaptistws.org>

Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Always enjoyed visiting with Bonnie, she was working at the hardware store, I was working in the license office. Nice Gal. Mary Sue Meal



Mary Sue Meal - August 15, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bonnie Phares Herren.



August 14, 2017 at 04:31 PM

VG

“ Grandma Bonnie was always positive and kind to me, my wife and our children. May she rest in peace.

Venerino Griva - August 13, 2017 at 10:54 PM

LD

“ So sorry to see that Bonnie has passed away Remember her always had time to say hello We both were raised at Hutton Valley, she was some 20 years older than me..



Linda Daugherty - August 13, 2017 at 07:18 PM

GM

“ I remember Bonnie from her yrs at the hardware store. My deepest sympathy to Carolyn and Chuck, Patty and Katie during this sad time.

Ginger Burns Mesko - August 13, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bonnie Phares Herren.



August 13, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bonnie Phares Herren.



August 13, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ Charles H Griva was added to the Family Tree.

Tanya Griva - August 13, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Grandma will always have a special place in my heart. So many awesome memories were created during my time with her, and in Willow Springs. Being a military brat, Willow was always considered home to me because I had a firm foundation knowing grandma was there. Having grandma gone, means not only saying goodbye to her, but saying goodbye to Willow. So tough!*

I will always love her!

Tanya Griva - August 13, 2017 at 04:57 PM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers ear with you as you go through the healing process. Bonnie was a very sweet lady.*

Linda Bradford - August 11, 2017 at 05:07 PM