



Bonnie Lou Smith

January 27, 1945 - July 15, 2024

Bonnie Lou Smith was born January 27, 1945, in Birch Tree, MO to Luther and Opal Cowin. She passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, and was 79 years old.

In 1961, she was married to Johnny Rackley and together they had 3 children, Brad, Brenda, and Donna. She Spent most of her life in the Willow Springs community, where she worked at the Brown Shoe Factory for several years. Bonnie was very active in her church where she loved seasonal decorating, playing tambourine, and picking people up that needed a ride to church. She was always thinking of others and was quick to send get well and birthday cards to her friends and family. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Rackley; her parents, Luther and Opal; her son, Brad; her brothers, Leo, Jim, Ivan, and Paul; and her sister, Lorene Dunn.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Weaver; her daughter, Donna Harrill and husband, Steve of Ozark; her grandchildren, Shayla Weaver and John Weaver of Mountain View, Brantly Harrill of Ozark; and her great grandson, Leslie Wake of Mountain View.

A visitation for Bonnie will be held Friday, July 19, 2024, from 10 AM to 11 AM at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Her funeral service will follow at 11 AM with Pastor C.L. Stage officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Pine Grove Church
2095 County Road 5800
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
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Service

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Kyndall W. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bonnie Lou Smith.*



Kyndall W. - July 17, 2024 at 06:41 PM

VE

“ *So very sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. She was very special to us!
Never a more kinder sweeter Most thoughtful lady, such a gentle soul !!..
RIP sister Bonnie!! We all be together again where time never separate us anymore ...love you my friend!*

Vetrice and Don Earith - July 17, 2024 at 11:01 AM

MR

“ I remember growing up many comments were made, " You look so much like your Aunt Bonnie." I always felt a special closeness to her even though we many miles apart. She always sent me a birthday card.

My most precious memory is visiting her one summer while traveling back from Texas. She wanted to drive me by her church. As we sat in the parking lot in the car, she leaned over and started whispering, "I wanted to take you inside but someone is there." I whispered back, "What do you think he is doing in there?" It was at that moment I looked over and said, "Aunt Bonnie, why are we whispering?" We laughed for the rest of the night.

I know the reunion in Hevean is a glorious one. I look forward to see you there.



Miss Rhonda - July 16, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Smith.



July 16, 2024 at 10:14 PM

CB

“ Curt & Lorraine Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Lou Smith.

Curt & Lorraine Brooks - July 16, 2024 at 10:14 PM



“ *She never missed sending me a Christmas card or a birthday card. We had many short chats on the phone over the years. The most recent was about 4 weeks ago. We talked of her many Coach vacations she went on before she fell off the ladder years ago. She said she was finally going to resume her vacations this fall. Heaven's Coach came by a little earlier than we expected.*

Every time there were storm warnings in my area, Aunt Bonnie would call and check in on me. I sure am going to miss my sweet, beautiful, caring angel. Thank you, Aunt Bonnie for all the goodness you brought to my life.

*Your loving niece,
Robin Gail*

Robin Gail - July 16, 2024 at 10:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Smith.*



July 16, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Brenda, thoughts & prayers at this time of loss.*

Sharon and John Bacon - July 16, 2024 at 06:35 PM

PM

“ *I'm a first cousin of Bonnie's on her Mothers side. We were the same age and saw each other at family reunions and other events through the years. I will miss her at the family reunions, etc. Praying for comfort and peace for all her family! Blessings, Pat Townsend Moore*

Pat Moore - July 16, 2024 at 04:28 PM