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Bernice Loraine (Wolfe) Yarberry (94) passed away September 05, 2023 in Houston TX. Born July 03, 1929 in Murdock, Kansas, to Charlie and Alta Wolfe. The oldest of seven children, Bernice grew up strong, spirited, and spiritual. She loved to sing in the church choir and learned to cook delicious farm-style meals at her mother's side. On Christmas Eve 1948 she married her handsome Marine, Garland Yarberry. The two shared over 60 active, fun-loving years together until Garland's passing in 2009. They were blessed with 3 children, 2 boys and a girl.

The family lived in Kansas, Colorado, Washington, and Texas. Bernice was a devoted wife and mother. She loved being a homemaker. Her ability to cook a wholesome and delectable meal was renowned; her cakes and pies were legendary. Her kids and grandchildren still sing praises to her home-cooked meals, (favorites included fried chicken, meatloaf with mashed potatoes, milkshakes, and pancakes). Bernice was also a highly skilled seamstress. For many years most of her own clothing and some of the rest of the family's clothing were designed and sewn by Bernice. She went back to college when in her 50's and received an Associate of Arts degree from Green River Community College in Auburn WA.

After the kids had grown, Bernice and Garland started an upholstery business together. Since retirement, Bernice and her husband have lived in Austin and Friendswood, Texas. They devoted their time and energies to several charities including: Lake Travis Crisis Ministries, Meals On Wheels and Hospice. They also participated in several activities with the churches they belonged to. Among Bernice's greatest joy in life was watching their grandchildren grow into fine young adults. Whenever possible they attended school events in which the kids were involved. They loved to travel and visited Canada, Mexico, Israel and over half of the U.S. states. One of their last vacations together was spending a week camping with family in Washington State. One word frequently used to describe Bernice was 'kind.'

She is preceded in death by her parents, five siblings, and her husband, Garland. Sadly, both sons (Stanley Garland Yarberry and Danny Meredith Yarberry) also predeceased her. She is survived by



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her daughter, Jacqueline Yarberry Williams and her husband David; her baby sister, Linda Madzey and her husband Bill; her daughter-in-law (Dan's wife) Janel Yarberry; eight grandchildren: Jason and Briahna; Anthony and Adam; Cassie, Gabrielle, Tiffany and Crystal; many great-grandchildren; and other extended family members.

NOTE: Dan Yarberry passed away 08/30/23. His obituary can be viewed on the website for Jeter Memorial Funeral Home in Friendswood, TX.



Tribute Wall

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RW

Ruby Wolfe posted:

You are a beautiful person and I miss you, though I haven't seen you since my daddy chic Wolfe passed away in 1973 but we did exchange a lot of heartfelt letters when I was in prison. God sent me an angel to help me through that order and that angel was you aunt Bernice. I'll always carry your memory in my heart wherever I go. ruby katherine wolfe

March 4 at 9:37 AM

RW

Ruby Wolfe posted:

She was my aunt my dad's name was Charles Wolfe aka chic. I didn't get to be around her very much but I got into some trouble and spent ten yrs of my life in a Texas prison and she reached out and we wrote for a long time she was a beautiful person and made my time a lot easier knowing I wasn't alone, we mostly spoke of the Lord and she shared with me some photos of the holy land. Love her very much I'm just sorry that I never got to hug her and express my gratitude for her heartfelt love filled letters. You made me feel part of the Wolfe family aunt Bernice and I know your up in heaven with Daddy grandma everyone even my MoMA please y'all stay as one because I love you all and miss ya more than I know. Your niece ruby katherine wolfe

March 4 at 9:33 AM

WW

Wanda Williams posted:

My sincerest condolences, though we have all been separated by many miles we are family and I love you Jackie. Your mom and dad were some of the kindest people I knew, your dad taught me how to do bird calls (whistle) with my hands when I was much younger.

September 7 at 5:49 PM

RW

Robert Williams posted:

I didn't really get to know Aunt Bernice. But that was because they didn't live here much. But the time I remember seeing her and Garland was in Kingman. They had come to visit. Aunt Linda was remodeling a house for Grandma Alta there in Kingman. Mom had us kids go and we helped paint the exterior of the house. I remember that Bernice and Garland were so nice. And I think the last time I seen her was at Grandmas funeral. Sadly that's almost the only time that brings all of the family together. I know that both Bernice and Garland were always highly respected and well thought of by our entire family.

September 7 at 3:47 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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