



## Bonnie Joyce Barber

March 9, 1945 - March 26, 2021

Bonnie Joyce Ahlstrom Barber, 76, suddenly left mortal life on March 26, 2021 in St. George UT. She was born March 9, 1945 in Cedar City, UT to Joyce Adelle Adams and Charles Howard Ahlstrom.

Bonnie married William James Barber Jr. on October 1, 1965 in the Oakland California Temple. Bonnie was raised in Oakland CA and attended school there. After graduating from Skyline High School, she went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Cal Berkley. Bonnie and Bill started their married life in the Bay Area, and within a few years moved their family to UT.

There they raised their seven children in the Salt Lake Valley. While her degree was in accounting, she prioritized education. She taught advanced math in the same private school where she was the principle for 13 years. Bonnie mentored, tutored, and instilled a love of learning in many people, both young and old, even into her final days.

The last four years of her life were spent in Parowan, UT where she managed Lizzie's Heritage Inn and did what she enjoyed most, welcoming people into her home. Guests experienced some of the love that she has for her family. One particular child was asked how he liked his visit at the hotel. He said "I didn't stay at a hotel, I stayed at Grandma's house".

Even greater than the love she has for her family, Bonnie has a deep and

passionate love for her Savior. She had true Christ like love and exemplified that through her service to all.

She was greeted in heaven by her husband, Bill, daughter Teresa, son Marc, and her parents.

She will be greatly missed by her Final Five: Adam (Tammy) Barber, Meri (Kody) Brown, Elaine (Hyrum) Jenson, Rebekah (Nathan) Dilts and Deborah (Clint) Bronson, her sister Mimi (Marc) Lauper, brother Bill (Jone) Osborn, 30 immediate grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. Several members of Bonnie's family are unrelated by blood, but Bonnie never made the distinction. All those who called her "mom" or "grandma" appropriately mourn the loss of a dear one.

In her niece's words, "As her magnificent sun sets here...find peace that her reunion on the other side is a beautiful sunrise!"

The family sends a heartfelt thank you to the hospital staff and nurses who cared for her in her final moments, and a special thanks to Serenity Funeral Home who treated Bonnie with the utmost respect.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Rocky Ridge Chapel, 157 N. Eastridge Road in Rocky Ridge Utah (from I-15 exit 242). Viewing will be held at 11:00 am with services at 1:00 pm. Interment will be held at the Rocky Ridge Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (MT)

Rocky Ridge Chapel  
157 N. Eastridge Road  
Rocky Ridge, UT 84645

# Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to her family and her friends*



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**Carson Loveless** - March 05, 2024 at 05:58 PM

MJ

“ *Hi Meri, we met your family in about 1968 or 1969 and we left Fremont and California in 1971 or 1972. The last time I saw your dad was when he came to Roosevelt UT to apply for the job of police chief. I spoke to him on the phone sometime in the mid 1980's. Just want to let you know that I've thought of you and your family often and the good times that we had. We had a lot of fun together as young families, and your mom and I were incredibly close. She was such a sweet, loving, intelligent, patient person. We have so many great memories. Hope that your heart is comforted by wonderful memories. Mary & Duke Jones.*

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**mary jones and duke jones** - January 17, 2022 at 02:48 PM

LE

“ *Meri I'm so very sorry. I didn't know her personally but just watching her on TV and the excitement when she was able to move back until her childhood home was priceless. God bless you Meri . Sending love ❤️ and big hugs.*

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**Lexy** - January 02, 2022 at 12:02 AM

AL

“ Our love, thoughts, prayers, condolences are with your family, Rest Easy Sweet Bonnie



Alesha Lane - June 08, 2021 at 08:22 PM

LU

Bonny you earned your Angel Wings! Fly directly to heaven, the Lord has opened the doors of heaven for you! RIP Bonnie! 😊

Luisa - October 08, 2022 at 11:04 AM

TM

“ The Mcconiha lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Joyce Barber



The mcconiha - May 07, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DO

Sorry for your loss

dorispacania - May 07, 2021 at 06:49 PM

LS

“ Meri even though I never met your mom in person, by seeing her on TV I saw her love, her generosity, her caring, her wisdom, and her faith shine through. Know that my heart is with you during this difficult time.

Lorna Schripsema - April 23, 2021 at 02:32 PM

DS

“ Meri, I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope precious memories bring a smile to your face and a warmth to your heart. You and your family will be in my prayers in the difficult days ahead!  
Darlene Stone , Reidsville NC

Darlene Stone - April 03, 2021 at 09:08 PM

SA

“ Condolences and prayers, ---Scott & Sandra Adams

Sandra Adams - April 01, 2021 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ May you be comforted in the loss of your loved one. I have known Bonnie since her children were quite young and have enjoyed her friendship and association over many years. I have also loved her children and hope you will find peace and comfort in your memories of her. Sincerely, Melanie Baker

Melanie Baker - March 31, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.



March 30, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



March 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



March 30, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *From Figure 8 Films purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



**From Figure 8 Films** - March 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



March 30, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *The last thing that Bonnie expressed to me, was her love.*

Amal Spree - March 29, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



March 29, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Bonnie was truly an amazing person. Not only did she exemplify great love and acceptance which I always felt from her but had great integrity who lived by the truth. It is a an honor to have known her.*

Tony - March 29, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Bonnie Joyce Barber.*



March 29, 2021 at 03:59 PM

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“ Simply no words for how magnificent Bonnie was and is... although I only met her once in November, she was able to teach me about pure God-like love and acceptance to all things. She welcomed me into her home with a fresh plate of her thanksgiving leftovers and made me smile during my entire stay. Sweet, sweet Bonnie. May your tender love and patience live on in this world. Prayers for all of those mourning the loss of her bright light. ✨



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**nicole aguilar** - March 29, 2021 at 02:29 PM

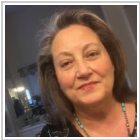
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*I didnt know your mom but how Meri shared her mom with me she reminded me of mine. What a tribute she showed to all who crossed her path. I pray for all of you who lost a gem of a lady. May your hearts cling to the memories you all made and ask God to have you more like her. I also pray for God to comfort your hearts. In sweet memory of mom, grandma & great grandma.*

*Sherry Tenbrink  
Appleton Wisconsin*

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**Sherry Tenbrink** - March 30, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ Blessed to have known her even for a short time, You will be missed beyond measure. My niece and I at the Inn with Bonnie. So much fun



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**Anne Alsup Hagstrom** - March 29, 2021 at 02:04 PM