



Bonnie Mateka Ratterman

November 21, 1950 - October 28, 2023

Bonnie Mateka Ratterman died in St. George, Utah on October 28, 2023. She was born on November 21, 1950, to Elwyn (Mutt) and Mary (Ann) Mateka, joining an older brother, Gary, at the family home in Columbia Falls.

After attending schools in Columbia Falls and graduating from CFHS, she attended the University of Montana where she earned her teaching degree. Her elementary teaching was done in Evanston, WY where she met her future husband, Greg Ratterman. She enjoyed her years in kindergarten where her heart never graduated and held years of good memories for her.

After retirement they moved to St. George to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine atop the red rocks overlooking the city.

Bonnie is survived by Greg at the family home and nephew, Terry, and family in Spokane. She is also survived by countless children who loved her and called her 'teacher'. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mutt & Ann, and her brother, Gary.

In lieu of flowers, it would be nice to remember Bonnie by hugging a kid, wearing your favorite jewelry that sits in a box, shopping till you drop and ending the day with a cup of your favorite hot tea flavored with honey. Oh, yes, don't forget to eat the See's candy or that bag of dark chocolate peanut M&Ms, too!

Graveside inurnment for Bonnie will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens in the spring.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was very saddened to open the Evanston paper last Wednesday and find Bonnie’s obituary. I was her aide for many years in her kindergarten classes at Clark Elementary. We became friends as well. I enjoyed getting together at her condo for Christmas celebrations and other parties women like to share. She was always a beautifully dressed lady and introduced me to her favorite jewelry that she also sold. I loved Silpada jewelry almost as much as she did. I still wear it exclusively to this day and have even started my daughters wearing it. We only saw each other a couple of times after she moved to St. George but I will always consider her my friend. RIP sweet lady.

Shelley Webb

Shelley Webb - November 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM

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“ Ms. Mateka was my second grade teacher. She was the first teacher to make me enjoy school. Later she taught two of kids kindergarten and they loved her. She always stayed in touch. She feed my daughter dinners while she went to college and sent birthday cards and graduation announcements. She called me at least once a year to check in. She was a very special person in my life. I know she touched so many children’s life and left lasting imprints on their hearts. She will be dearly missed. We love you Ms. Mateka.

Cyndi Day and children Lexi and Booker

Cyndi Day - November 24, 2023 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Ms. Mateka was my Kindergarten teacher way back in 1980. I don't have many memories of that time, but I remember that I had fun in her class.*

Amber - November 17, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ *I met Bonnie our senior year of high school. I was a “new kid”. Bonnie made me feel so welcome and excepted in a new school. She was a wonderful lady. I will never forget her.*

Patti Timlick - November 17, 2023 at 12:51 PM