



Bonnie Lee Graves

January 4, 1923 - June 11, 2020

Bonnie Lee (Hagen) Graves, 97, of Enid, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020 at her home. She was born to Olaf and Sigrid Hagen on January 4, 1923 in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Bonnie attended elementary and high school in Hot Springs and graduated from there in 1941. She loved the Black Hills of South Dakota. Bonnie met the love of her life, Donald LeRoy Graves at the University of South Dakota, and they were married September 18, 1944 in Vermillion SD, enjoying 72 years together.

After their wedding, they moved to New York City where Bonnie worked at Sheltering Arms Children Services placing children in foster homes while Don attended New York Medical College. While Don served in the Navy, Bonnie held various civilian jobs: the US Naval Hospital, patient personnel office in Farragut ID; the United Methodist Church, San Diego CA; typist for the County Superintendent of Schools, San Diego. After military service they moved to Kentucky and served in the community of Homeplace, then moved to Frenchburg. Bonnie worked at the Menifee County Drug Store as a pharmacy assistant, and was involved in Girls Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and the Presbyterian Church. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

The choices Bonnie made in her life were based on her commitment to Christ, her love for her family, and her service to others. Her commitment to Christ was unwavering. Even during the hard, difficult times of life, she trusted in Him. She read her Bible faithfully and was an avid prayer warrior for her family and others. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and served on several mission trips to other countries. Bonnie's most treasured job was a wife to Don and a wonderful mother to five children. Motherhood began when Bonnie and Don made the decision to adopt a baby boy, and love him as their own. Before son Steve's adoption was final, they learned they were expecting a baby, but this did not change their decision to continue with his adoption. Four more children would join the family, and in her words, "a family which I truly love." She was actively involved in her children's school activities, supporting them in their many projects and endeavors. Bonnie was a lifelong bookkeeper for her husband Dr. Donald Graves MD.

Bonnie loved being involved in the communities where she served. She commented “No matter where a person lives, it is the people who enrich our lives and make each place special.” In Kentucky after WW II, many families were poor because the men had gone to serve in the military. Bonnie often accompanied her husband to home deliveries. After a home delivery the doctor was usually served a chicken dinner. She felt guilty eating the food when the family needed it, but this was the family’s way of paying the doctor in most cases. In 1971 they moved to Wakita, OK, and she loved the new relationships that she formed. She was involved in PEO, Wakita CHC Women’s Auxiliary, and Wakita United Methodist Church. In her later years at Golden Oaks Retirement Community, she loved watching birds and working in her flower beds.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Art Hagen and Harry Hagen; sisters-in-law Ruth Hagen, Gussie Hagen, and Dolores Hagen.

She is survived by five children: son Steve and Sue Graves of West Chester, PA; daughter Donella and Bill Young of Medical Lake, WA; son Charles and Karen Graves of Woodward OK; daughter Connie Wolcott of Lubbock, TX; daughter Paula and Doug Unruh of Newton, KS; 16 grandchildren and spouses, 26 great-grandchildren and 3 on the way; many extended family.

Memorial service will be Wednesday, June 17 at 4:00pm, Wakita United Methodist Church, Wakita, OK. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Wakita Community Health Center or Wakita United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 16, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 15, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 15, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 15, 2020 at 02:02 AM

MC

“ How blessed I was with Bonnie's gracious presence. She and Don were such good neighbors to my parents, Ansel & Margaret Cowan. During those years I spent at Golden Oaks, there were several encounters with Bonnie that just simply lifted the burden. Without a doubt, I felt the Light of Christ shine through this beautiful soul. My deepest respects and sorrowful joy in honoring her life! Memory Eternal.

Macrina Cowan

Macrina Cowan - June 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



June 14, 2020 at 06:31 PM

AA

“ I met with Grandma Bonnie twice. Once during a Graves Family Thanksgiving Dinner and the other time when she visited me in Stillwater, OK for a casual dinner along with the Graves Family. I still remember the warmth, love and blessings she showered on me. May her soul rest in peace

Janina, Christina, Karen and Charlie - Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care. Grandma Bonnie and her legacy lives through all of you.

Prachee & Akshar Awalgaonkar
Chicago, IL

Akshar Awalgaonkar - June 14, 2020 at 03:53 PM

PA

“ Prachee & Akshar Awalgaonkar purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.



Prachee & Akshar Awalgaonkar - June 14, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DB

“ *David and Pati BRABON purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bonnie Lee Graves.*



David and Pati BRABON - June 14, 2020 at 12:22 PM

AA

“ *The Graves name is such a part of a Grant county legacy, institution, record of service, dedication, care, that has touched so many of us! We are thankful. Our thoughts and prayers to your families at Mrs. Graves passing.*

AK, Shirley Armstrong - June 14, 2020 at 04:08 AM

TF

“ *The Tom Phillips Family lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Lee Graves*



The Tom Phillips Family - June 13, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *I can't say I remember seeing Bonnie and Don as a child but probably did but after being married and having our own family we saw Bonnie and Don several times in the Black Hills and Hot Springs whenever a family reunion was happening. I enjoyed seeing Bonnie's comments on Facebook. She will certainly be missed but we will join her in Glory some day.*

*Ted Hagen
White Post, Va.*

Ted Hagen - June 13, 2020 at 08:22 PM

TH

“ *The Hovermales lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Lee Graves*



The Hovermales - June 13, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Bonnie Lee Graves*.



June 13, 2020 at 08:08 PM