



## Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards

January 16, 1927 - May 27, 2020

Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards, 93, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. She will be remembered with a graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, TX.

As a Tylerite by birth, Bonnie Jean grew up and attended Tyler High School where she was a member of the Honor Society. Her desire to be a teacher after graduation led her to attend the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina where she graduated with a Bachelors Degree and obtained a teaching certificate. She later attended the University of Houston, and earned a Masters Degree in Education, and English.

She met her future husband, Harry Lee Richards, on a blind date, and they were later married at the First Baptist Church in Tyler. They spent the first years of their married life traveling the country as part of a seismic crew with Independent Exploration while living in a travel trailer. Bonnie Jean would talk about those days with great satisfaction, stating that those were some of the happiest days of her life. They returned to Tyler for a time, but eventually settled in Houston where they raised their three daughters. In the late 1970's, Bonnie and Harry returned to their East Texas roots and moved back to Tyler. She held administrative positions with various companies in Tyler and Houston including Delta Drilling Co, Shell Oil Co., Cameron Iron Works and the Tyler Police Department; and after earning her Masters Degree, she taught Fourth Grade at James Bowie Elementary in Houston for several years.

She was very artistic, and found joy in sewing and cooking for her family. As a member of the Baptist Church, she enjoyed teaching children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. When asked, those who knew her well would tell you that she was gentle, kind, considerate, a very caring woman who respected and loved others, and a woman who loved the Lord.

Her children would tell you that she was caring. If you went to her with your troubles she would take them on for you. She loved her family and children and prayed for them daily. Bonnie was a fierce ally and protector of those she loved, and she was a devoted wife to her husband of 47 years.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Curtis Aubrey and Bonnie Frank Smart Bellomy; her loving husband, Harry Lee Richards; and her younger brother, Jimmy Frank Bellomy. She is survived by three daughters: Jean King Gevirtz and husband, Joel, of Houston; Jerri Brezik and husband, Jim, of Seabrook, and Janice Ernest of Tyler; along with her grandchildren: Genevieve Lee Brown of New Orleans, LA; Jonathan Wesley King of Tampa, FL, and Bradley Christian Gabel and wife, Rhiannon, of Seabrook, TX; as well as a number of step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members.

She is dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Graveside Service

JUN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

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**Jerri** - June 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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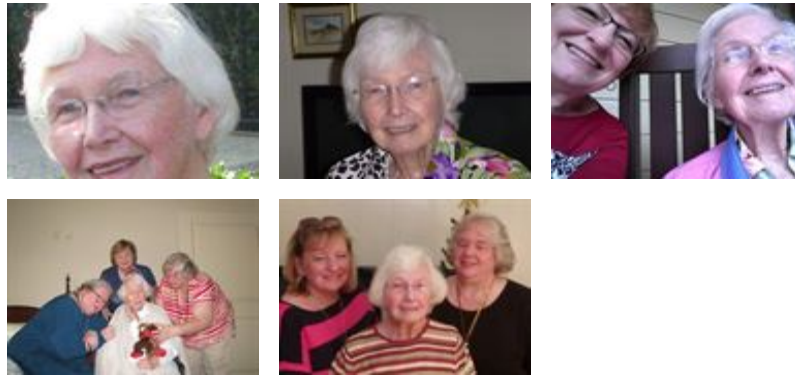


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**Jerri Brezik** - June 04, 2020 at 09:16 AM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 02, 2020 at 01:51 PM

CQ

“ My deepest condolences on your sweet mother's passing. I always enjoyed seeing your Facebook posts when you would make the trip to visit her and how much you enjoyed your time with her! May your faith and lovely memories bring you comfort, dear friend. Your family are in my prayers, God's blessings to you.

Love,

Christina Quaddumi and family

christina quaddumi - June 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

CA

“ Christina Quaddumi, & Gina, Anthony, Charles Awwad purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards.



Christina Quaddumi, & Gina, Anthony, Charles Awwad - June 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM

TI

“ I knew Miss Bonnie when we both attended Sylvania Church. We loved talking about the "Tish" books, and I loved to see her beautiful smile at church. When my son was young and in daycare, I would pick him up and then pass her house on my way home. I always looked to see if she was walking around in her backyard (which she often was). Sometimes I would stop to talk to her at the fence, and other times I just smiled, happy to see that she was out and doing well.

We didn't know each other well but she was very dear to me, always a gentle and encouraging presence. I am sad I didn't get to visit with her again more recently. She would have loved to have my met my daughter as well!

*Blessings to you, Janice, and the rest of the family.*

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**Tish** - May 31, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards.*



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May 29, 2020 at 08:49 PM

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“ *From Gus & Elizabeth Carmona & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards.*



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**From Gus & Elizabeth Carmona & Family** - May 29, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards.*



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May 29, 2020 at 05:36 AM



“ *Linda and Terry Finkle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bonnie Jean Bellomy Richards.*



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**Linda and Terry Finkle** - May 29, 2020 at 12:08 AM