



Bonnie Simpson

October 17, 1945 - March 1, 2018

Our beloved Mother and Nonnie, Bonnie (Leatherman) Simpson slipped away to join her heavenly father March 1, 2018. She was the daughter of Hazel Margaret Leatherman and the late Wesley Walter Leatherman. She was born Oct. 17, 1945 in Alva, OK. She now joins her father in eternal peace.

Bonnie attended Capron High School and was in the graduating class of 1963. After high school, she attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, where she received her Bachelors in Teaching. She went on to further her education and received her Master's Degree in Teaching in 1973. Upon receiving her degrees, she began her teacher career in Fowler, KS where she taught two years at the Elementary School. Then went on to teach at Ness City Elementary for 16 years. Bonnie then went on to complete her 42 year career in teaching at Kenneth Henderson Middle School in Garden City, KS.

She commanded her classrooms with a sense of purpose and fostered a creative environment in which to learn. Bonnie loved her students and always had a passion for teaching. She always said that it was her lifelong dream to become an educator.

During her teaching career, she was actively involved with the Art, Science and Space Exploration programs for her students. Bonnie was a hands on educator and strived for excellence in all of her students. She left a legacy of brilliant students, who went on to achieve personal and professional success. Bonnie also loved the arts and enjoyed doing oil painting, drawing, and

teaching in galleries and local institutions.

Bonnie married Jack Howard Simpson in 1968. Together they had one daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Simpson/Keller. She has a son in law, Curtis Michael Keller and has three beautiful grandchildren who called her Nonnie: Elizabeth Jane Keller age 8, Emma Katherine Keller age 6 and Evan Michael Keller 8 months. She so loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart.

She is survived by her mother, Hazel, brother Charles and daughter Katherine, son in law Curtis and three grandchildren. And other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Contributions can be made to: Graceful Arts Gallery and Studio.
Through Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Capron Cemetery

Capron Cemetery, OK 73725

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
218 Maple Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Simpson*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 06, 2018 at 08:02 PM

EL

Was just telling my husband about Mrs. Simpson so I looked her up. Sad to see she is no longer with us. She was a great teacher.

Erica Landis - October 26, 2024 at 11:09 PM

MR

“ *Mrs Simpson taught me 8th grade science. I loved going to her class because of her style of teaching. She was Always smiling, always laughing. Her voice and laugh would carry through the room and make everyone smile. She made science fun and funny. I thought of her because my son came home explaining how fun it was to be in one of his classrooms. I told him about Ms Simpson and her class in 8th grade. Just such a pleasant memory. We looked her up and here we are, finding out that a great person and great teacher is no longer here. Rest in peace ms simpson.*

marlon reyna - September 07, 2024 at 02:46 PM

PD

“ Although I personally didn't know Bonnie all that well, she touched my husband and my stepson's lives. Over the Easter weekend, I saw my stepson and he shared how troubled he was to have heard of Bonnie's death. She had been Heath's teacher in junior high. Before Bonnie's retirement, my husband Duane and I would frequently run into Jack and Bonnie around town. Duane truly enjoyed visiting with them, and he often remarked to me how much Bonnie meant to Heath. Duane passed away over 2 1/2 years ago. Your mother touched so many lives.

*Pat Van Dolah
Garden City, KS*

Pat Van Dolah - April 02, 2018 at 08:27 PM

CG

“ Ms Simpson was such an awesome teacher had it not been because she cared i would not have passed Science i hated it but we made it fun! I was her student then her co-worker and also she was my friend. She will greatly be missed. My deepest sympathy to all her family! RIP Ms. Simpson.

Cynthia Garcia - March 07, 2018 at 06:27 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. She was my teacher in Junior High. I really liked her.

Stephanie Burgess-Blackburn - March 06, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 06, 2018 at 05:47 PM

AW

“ *I first met Bonnie when I went to teach 7th grade Biology at Kenneth Henderson Middle School in 1990. She was my Department Head, my mentor, my colleague, and most of all, she became my dear, dear friend. Bonnie was always lively, energetic and upbeat. Her personality was "super-sized" and her enthusiasm contagious. I will always remember her smile, her laugh (!), and her take-your-breath-away hugs (when Bonnie hugged you, you KNEW you had been hugged!). Hers was a beautiful soul who's life was cut far too short, and the world will forever be a little dimmer from her loss. (But I bet the party's just getting started in Heaven!) Until we meet again one day my friend . . .*

*Ann Winders
Garden City, KS*

Ann Winders - March 06, 2018 at 12:26 PM

JF

“ *Bonnie was an enthusiastic teacher and she was dedicated to her students, colleagues, school and the school district. She made a difference to so many in Garden City!* ”

Julie Ford - March 06, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Simpson.* ”



March 06, 2018 at 08:28 AM

VJ

“ *Mrs Simpson you will be greatly missed. I had you as my science teacher at Kenneth Henderson. You always were the coolest teacher of the school. You were always so patient with your students. RIP Mrs Simpson* ”

veronica jimenez - March 05, 2018 at 11:12 PM

RR

“ *Mrs. Simpson will truly be missed she was a good teacher and believed in my eldest children when others doubted in them. She will be missed by my family.* ”

Rebecca Reyes - March 05, 2018 at 11:05 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Simpson was such a great teacher. I had her as a teacher in 6th grade, and she was so much fun! She definitely had a passion for children and helping them learn. So sorry for your loss. She has left such a great impact on many!

Amanda (Ginther) Moore - March 05, 2018 at 09:07 PM

KG

“ I'm so sad to learn of Mrs. Simpson's passing. She made learning so much fun. I had her in Jr. High at KH.

Katie (McNaught) Geier - March 05, 2018 at 08:54 PM

RE

“ I just loved Bonnie so much. She was so quick witted, fun, and such a special person!

Rebekah - March 05, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had Mrs. Simpson for my fourth grade teacher. She was a wonderful teacher who could make you feel a sense of accomplishment for the smallest things. She would make you feel good about yourself even if you were having difficulties and had unending patience. I'm sure she made an impact on many of her students.

Melody Suppes - March 04, 2018 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ Sorry to read of you family's loss. May God be with you in these sad times.



Jim Scribner - March 04, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie Simpson.



March 04, 2018 at 09:41 PM

KM

“ Sorry for your loss, had mrs. Simpson for a teacher. R.I.P

kory mcfarren - March 04, 2018 at 09:25 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear! She was a wonderful teacher. Becky Seib, Ness City

Becky Seib - March 04, 2018 at 09:14 PM

BE

“ So very sorry for your loss. Had her as a teacher in Ness, she was a wonderful teacher. Prayers for your family.

Belinda - March 04, 2018 at 08:11 PM

MW

So sorry to hear about the loss of Bonnie. She was a Wonderful teacher and had many friends.... You will all be in our Thoughts and prayers..God Bless! Bonnie will be missed.

Michell Wall - March 06, 2018 at 02:29 PM

VF

“ *Virgil "Po" and Louise "Mo" Windholz and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bonnie Simpson.*



Virgil "Po" and Louise "Mo" Windholz and family - March 04, 2018 at 01:57 PM