



Bonnie Bryant Gochenour

July 11, 2013

Bonnie Bryant Gochenour, 75 of Maurertown died Thursday, July 11, 2013. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2013, 2:00 pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Woodstock by Rev. Nathan Robinson. Burial will follow at Valley Pike Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Mrs. Gochenour was born January 28, 1938 at Martinsville, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Paul Wilson and Grace Lucille Prillaman Bryant. She was a 1956 graduate of Warren County High School. She retired as an English teacher in the Shenandoah County Public School System after 31 years of service. Mrs. Gochenour was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Woodstock. Mrs. Gochenour was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Bryant Hall. Mrs. Gochenour is survived by her husband, Ralph ""Mike"" Gochenour of Maurertown; three sons, twins Larry Michael Gochenour of Stephens City and Gary Lee Gochenour and his wife, Tracie of Haymarket and Matthew Paul Gochenour of Maurertown; a daughter, Kelly Gochenour Phillips and her husband, Blake of Woodstock; a sister, Pat Bryant Carter and her husband, Mark A. Carter of Front Royal; a brother-in-law, Yates Hall of Front Royal; two grandchildren, Hunter and Meredith Phillips of Woodstock; a number of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Saturday evening at the Dellinger Funeral Home, Woodstock from 6 to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shenandoah Community Foundation Memorial Scholarship Fund in her name, P.O. Box 31, Woodstock, VA 22664 or Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St., Winchester, VA 22601.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Ralph and Family- Debbie and I are so suddenly shocked in reading in the Herald, we received today, the passing of Bonnie. Please accept our condolences and heartfelt sympathies, knowing that we have you in our thoughts and prayers. We always enjoyed our conversations with Bonnie at our WHS class gatherings-she will be greatly missed by all at our 60th Class Reunion. Donald and Debbie*

Donald F. Ritenour - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *I did not know Bonnie for very long, but we became friends through mutual friends and shared a wonderful cruise together. We met for lunch many times before her illness. I will miss her friendship and warmth very much. I am so sorry for the family's loss as well as my own. She will always be a treasured memory.*

Sharon Koontz - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of times with Bonnie! When I arrived at Central HS in 1983, she was welcoming and we shared lots of projects. I remember planning senior term papers so that Social Studies and English students could do one project for both classes. Lots of coordination was needed, but it was always good to sit down and talk together about the community of students we both loved. I still have notes Bonnie passed on about a book that both English and Government students read. What a treasure to do this kind of sharing! Blessings to all of the family, especially to Matthew, whom I knew best. Your mom was treasured by many of us, near and far away! Alice Foltz*

Jerry and Alice Foltz - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Gochenour. She was a great neighbor to my family and an amazing teacher to those of us whom were blessed enough to be in her class. Whether we needed to hear "grow up" or "you can do this", she was there for us. Loving thoughts and prayers to you all.

Carrie Helmick Nobles - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I enjoyed teaching with Bonnie at Central High School. She was part of the "A-Team" English department. I will always remember the many times I assisted with preparing diplomas for graduation. It always took longer than expected because Bonnie had a story to tell about either the graduate whose diploma we were preparing or the parents of the graduate. In most cases, she had taught both! Fun times!! Bonnie had a positive influence on Central High School and the many many students whose lives she touched! Bonnie, you were a great lady and we will miss you.

Connie Pangle - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Bonnie's family. She was a friend and fellow educator, and we cherish so many memories of her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Norman and Mary Blue Catlett - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Bonnie Gochenour was a loving wife, and a wonderful Mother to her family. She was always in a happy mood with a lovely smile on her face. Bonnie will me missed in our community of Woodstock and Shenandoah County. Sending love and sympathy to Bonnie's family and friends. Wanda Shoemaker, Edinburg, Va.

Wanda Dellinger Shoemaker - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gochenour family. Donna Belle Weakley Dove*

Donna Belle Weakley Dove - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Dear Larry and family I never knew your Mom, but we know you loved your Mom and will miss her. She is going to a better Place, no more pain and suffering. You all in my thoughts and prayers. Bonnie RIP. Bill, Gisela and family.*

William & Gisela Gay - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear Kelly and Matt and other family members, So sorry to learn of your mom's death. We shared the same birthday. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you. Pam Bell*

Pam Bell - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Bonnie was a beloved teacher for the members of Central High School's Class of 1970. She excelled at her profession, making each student feel important and encouraged. We pray for her family and loved ones and thank God for sharing this wonderful woman with us these many years. Blessings, Ann Baber Lloyd*

Ann Baber Lloyd - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Bonnie and I went through high school together. I remember her as being one of the best students in our class of 1956. My wife, Carol, and I are so sorry to hear of her death.*

Gregory Smith - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM