

Bonnie May Bennett

January 4, 1924 - May 5, 2023

Beloit, WI - Bonnie May Gillespie Bennett, born January 4, 1924, in St. Joseph, MO, to parents Frederick Adalbert Gillespie and Bessie Marie Morgan Gillespie, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2023, at Autumn Lake Healthcare in Beloit, WI, at the age of 99.

Before her marriage, Bonnie worked on de-icer lines for bombers during WWII and loved to go dancing at the USO in St. Jo, MO, where she met her former spouse Darrell. After moving with him to Beloit, she worked at Fox's Grocery, Tex's, and The Bonnie Bee, was manager of Bookland in the Beloit Plaza, and credit manager at the Diana Shop, but Bonnie was known best from her many years with the Beloit Public Library where she worked until she retired in 1997 at the age of 73.

Bonnie had a life-long love affair with books, poetry, and music. If you knew her, you knew how much she loved reading, telling stories, and singing. And her life was full of stories as interesting and varied as the music, books, and classic movies she loved so well. Likewise, you could not know Bonnie and not know her kindness and generosity. She spent her life serving in her church and community as long as she was able. Her sweet spirit touched many lives, and she never turned away anyone in need. She loved the Lord and believed in loving people exactly as they were and, in return, was well-loved by many.

She is survived by her sons Gregory (Terry) Bennett and Christopher (Barbara) Bennett and daughter Rebekah (Barry) Bovée; her grandchildren Jeff Bennett, Scott (Sherry) Bennett, Kristy (Randy) Edwards, Benjamin Bovée, Stormy (Adrian) Fisher, Heather (Steve) Maya, and Michelle VanMeter; great-grandchildren Jessica, Dylan, Winter, River, Nova Rain, Danielle, Victoria, Andrew David, Mercy, Grace, Faith, and Fiona; nieces Carol June (Jeptha) Adams, Judy Elliot, and Debra (Larry) Smith, nephew Merrill “Rick” Storms, and dear friend Mary Madison.

She was predeceased by her parents, her former husband Darrell Bennett, her sisters Juanita June Hansen and Winona Fern (Emory) Brown, Sister-in-Law Betty Dietz Bowser, and one great-granddaughter Brittany Mae George.

Memories and condolences can be shared at www.Rosmanfuneralhome.com.

A visitation will be held Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 2 pm at United Church of Beloit, 657 Bluff St., followed by a memorial service at 3 pm with Pastor Carol P. Taylor officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) or Beloit Regional Hospice in her honor. A later burial will be in Richland Center.

The Rosman Funeral Home in Beloit, WI is assisting the family with arrangements. 608-364-4477

Cemetery Details

Richard Center Cemetery

1300 North Park Street
Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff Street
Beloit , WI 53511

Memorial Services

MAY 27. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

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Rebekah Bovee - August 17, 2023 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ I always loved Bonne and her love of books. My memory is of her sitting in Chris and Barbs house, sitting in her chair, her feet propped up on a footstool and reading. She was lost in her books, her own world or on an adventure. Bonnie you will be missed. thanks for always being kind to me,

Leigh Sawtelle - May 21, 2023 at 09:17 PM

RB

Thank you, Leigh. Yes, that was Mom to a T. She taught us to love reading and the many adventures it would take us on.

Rebekah Bovee - June 02, 2023 at 09:02 AM

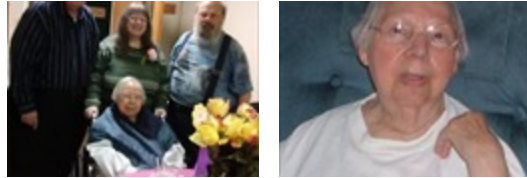
JE

Precious Memories 🙏❤️😊

Jeanie - July 14, 2023 at 06:45 PM

RB

“ 2 files added to the album Mom



Rebekah Bovee - May 16, 2023 at 12:14 PM

LB

“ We're so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a lovely person and a great neighbor for many years. The Batchelor Family

Linda Batchelor - May 15, 2023 at 05:09 PM

RB

Thank you, Linda. We have very good memories of your family through the years. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors.

Rebekah Bovee - June 02, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Right to left: Bonnie Grandma, Mary Madison (friend) and myself (granddaughter) taken in November of 2017 - just five years ago, when I was visiting. We had a wonderful visit! Shortly after this she went to Premier/Autumn Lake. Love and miss you Grandma.



Stormy Fisher - May 14, 2023 at 10:46 AM