



## Bonnie Means Durning

August 13, 1937 - February 19, 2023

Graveside services for Bonnie Means Durning, 85, of Gilmer, will be held at 3:00 pm, Thursday, February 23, 2023, at Parish Family Cemetery with Bud Bryant officiating. The family will receive friends 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Bonnie was born August 13, 1937, to Leo Virgil and Audrey Bryant Means and passed from this life, on February 19, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Bonnie married Walter T. Durning on December 19, 1952, in the Kelsey Community. She graduated with a master's degree from East Texas State University in Commerce. Bonnie taught World History (American Civilization) her first year at Union Hill ISD, taught at Gilmer Jr. High through 1965, and then began teaching at Kilgore College until her retirement.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Donna Henson (Gary), and Dixie Stevenson (David); grandchildren, Parish Henson, Wayne Henson, Colby Henson (Lauren), Analise Macias (David), David Anthony Stevenson (Lacey), Sarah Bones (Jeremy), Rachel West (Shannon), Jesi Mitchell (Caleb), and Kari Henson; 29 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Walter T. Durning; and sister, Jill Means.

Pallbearers will be Parish Henson, Wayne Henson, Colby Henson, David Anthony Stevenson, David Macias, Jeremy Bones, Caleb Mitchell, and Shannon West.

Please visit Bonnie's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Parish Family Cemetery

Badger Road (Bettie)  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
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Gilmer, TX 75645  
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## Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

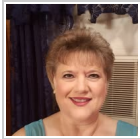


“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Means Durning*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - February 22, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *I loved Ms. Bonnie. She was always kind to me and so much fun to be around!!! She was such a good woman and will be greatly missed!!*

*Mitt Parrish*

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**Mitt Parrish** - March 06, 2023 at 05:42 PM

MM

“ *We just learned that Ms Bonnie has passed away and are so sorry that we have missed her funeral. We had so many fun conversations over the years. She helped me with learning to do genealogy research and, with her stories of traveling to England, gave us the courage to try a driving trip on our own over there...leading to many future wonderful vacations. Our memories of Bonnie and family are cherished. We love you BonBon. Mary & John McKenzie*

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**Mary & John McKenzie** - March 06, 2023 at 02:28 PM

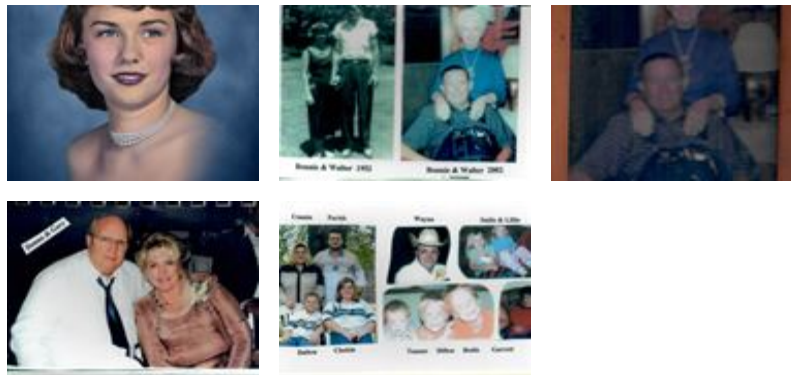


“ We are so sorry for the loss of BonBon! I have known her all of my life. I used to see her at Mrs. Carrie’s store when I was growing up. She inspired many people in many different ways. Please accept our deepest condolences!  
 Clifford and Glenda Culberson

Clifford Culberson - February 22, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 22, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonnie Means Durning.



February 21, 2023 at 07:24 PM

GK

“ I have lots of memories of Bonnie, but the earliest is of her as a little girl dancing on the toes of Virgil, her father, at the old Kelsey school. I will miss her!

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**Glenda Kinard** - February 21, 2023 at 05:04 PM

LD

“ Many, many good memories of you my dear friend... I know a grand reunion took place that day...'Til we meet again...Linda Dillard

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**Linda Dillard** - February 21, 2023 at 04:52 PM

GJ

“ Bonnie was one of the first members of the church we met when we moved to Gilmer in 2001. Her warm and welcoming nature made us feel like old time residents. She leaves a unique imprint in our mind that will always be remembered with warmth.

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**Gene Jones** - February 21, 2023 at 03:15 PM