



Bonnie J. Cole

April 14, 1924 - January 24, 2011

Bonnie June Cole, 86, a lifelong resident of Moses Lake, passed away Monday, Jan. 24 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

Bonnie was born April 14, 1924, in Neppel, Wash. (later re-named Moses Lake), the youngest of six children born to the pioneer family of Minor and Sally Burress. She graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1942 with her sweetheart, Verlyn Cole.

The Burress and Cole families first connected when Verlyn's father, E. B. Cole, encountered the doctor who was en route to delivering Bonnie but had become stuck in the mud. Mr. Cole and his team of horses came to the rescue.

Bonnie and Verlyn's romance began in the fourth grade, when Verlyn took up the violin just so he could sit next to Bonnie in the school orchestra. They played a violin duet for their graduation, and were married July 8, 1942. Their duet continued forever.

They developed a farm and cattle ranch in Block 40 and were blessed with three daughters, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. (Another great-grandchild will be born this year.) Verlyn passed away on July 24, 2003. He and Bonnie had been married 61 years.

Bonnie was best known for her warm hospitality and fine food. She was a woman with a great sense of humor, who loved to laugh, and was always ready with a witty comeback. Devoted to her family, home, and church, she was an incredible wife, mom, mother-in-law, and "Grams." Her commitment to

love, honor, and hold her family above all else never failed. Bonnie's refined mannerisms were complemented by her beauty, style, and immaculate dress. She maintained her beauty and class even through the last months of her life. Bonnie's advice to her children and grandchildren was to "Pick the right spouse. Be happy and content. Be kind to each other, and that will reflect back on the children. Raise your children to love the Lord."

Bonnie is greatly missed by her family: daughters Ginger (Jack) Erickson, Judy (George) Twigg, and Cindy (Steve) Kalamakis; grandchildren Debi (Barry) McBroom, George (Christy) Twigg II, Bonnie Rae (Cliff) Cullings, Hailey Kalamakis, Hanna (Joel) Evans, Chris Erickson, Kathy (Carl) Lyons, Shelly (Stu) Parmalee; 15 great-grandchildren and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Verlyn; five siblings; and her granddaughter, Laurie Hoffman.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 29th at 2 p.m., at the Moses Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at Crestview Christian School, 1601 West Valley Road, Moses Lake. Interment will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Kayser's Chapel in Moses Lake on Friday, Jan. 28th , 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 29th , 9 a.m. to noon.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

JAN 29. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (PT)

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
1601 W. Valley Rd.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Cindy: so often we here of a friends loss of a family member late. so sorry to here of the loss of your mother. she seemed to be a kind woman the few times we met. thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Love Cathy##imported-begin##Cathy Thornton-Hunsaker##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 05:10 PM



“ Bonnie and Verlyn were two of my favorite people. Over the years, I have enjoyed knowing them, and they will be missed by the community.##imported-begin##Ralph Enzler##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 09:36 PM



“ Such a lovely lady....I know you will miss her terribly. I'll miss seeing her out and about with her family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Su Visker##imported-begin##Su Visker##imported-end##

February 03, 2011 at 01:19 PM



“ Dear Judy,

I was sorry to read about your mom's passing. While my encounters with her were few through the years they were always enjoyable. It was never work taking care of a nice person. She was a true lady. May all your good memories of her help ease the pain you are experiencing.

God Bless, Jim##imported-begin##Jim Hake##imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ *A noble woman has moved on to be with her best friend and sweetheart. We moved here in 1966 and your parents were among the first people we met...they were just around the corner from us as neighbors. Bonnie was beautiful physically and also of spirit. If a person tried to describe "womanhood", Bonnie would be the perfect example. She did everything well and always gave 100%+. I know it is difficult to lose one's mother, but I am sure there is a joy too knowing she is with your father. Good people. Good neighbors. God bless the Cole family...you have a rich legacy. Your parents will always live on in your hearts and forever. Love, Ned and Deanna##imported-begin##Ned and Deanna Hirz##imported-end##*

January 29, 2011 at 10:50 AM



“ *Judy & family...I was so sad to hear of Bonnie's passing..It was a pleasure to have know her & what a blessing to have had such a great lady in your lives..God Bless you all during this difficult time...Theresa McGhuey##imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey##imported-end##*

January 29, 2011 at 01:07 AM



“ Bonnie was a beautiful lady and a friend for many years she will be missed. We used to have the laughs when we would accidently meet at Cathy's. She must be so happy to be free of pain and to be with your father again. I know Judy and Cindy and you were both wonderful to your mother and you made her proud. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time. With sympathy, Emily##imported-begin##Emily Webster##imported-end##

January 29, 2011 at 12:17 AM



“ Although I only met Bonnie a couple of times; I knew she was a wonderful and kind person. I am a personal friend of George Twigg and I know he is very sad at the loss of his grandmother. He has great memories of both his grandparents and often shared his memories with me. She was a huge influence on him and I know she will be missed by all of her family.##imported-begin##Mardine Leitch (H. R. Spinner)##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 07:26 PM



“ Steve & Cindy I am sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and your family. Debbie Lemley##imported-begin##Debbie Lemley Sircin##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 05:44 PM



“ Bonnie is a sister of my grandma's and I have many good memories of her from growing up and traveling to Moses Lake from Spokane to visit extended family. She always had a smile on her face and was full of life. She was a very happy person and easy to talk with about many things. The last time I saw her was at my dad's funeral several years ago and even though it was a sad time, she had encouraging words and that never fading smile. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Michelle (Deranleau) Rademacher##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother, she was a person that didn't judge and had a kind soul. May God be with you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mary(Lewellen)Scott##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Just wanted you know we are thinking about your family.##imported-begin##Cliff and Kay Morgan##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Bonnie was a constant presence in my life since before I can remember. I loved to spend time with her just talking while cooking and cleaning. I will miss her when I return to Moses Lake to visit.##imported-begin##Laurie Redmer Minner##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ *The Cole family first came into my life when my children attended the Advent School in the 80's. We became and have stayed friends ever since. Verlyn and Bonnie made the most beautiful couple. I love this family and have treasured their friendship over the years. Bonnie will be missed but her spirit will live on through her children and grandchildren.##imported-begin##Cathy Glaesemann##imported-end##*

January 26, 2011 at 09:54 PM



“ *My father and I rented some farm ground from Verlyn and Bonnie in the early 1990's. We always enjoyed visiting with the Cole's when we were working in the Block 40 area. We were ALWAYS welcome (Bonnie's famous hospitality!) and those years hold some of my favorite memories of Bonnie and Verlyn. Two of my favorite people and I will miss them this side of heaven and look forward to the day when we will be reunited once more. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."##imported-begin##Dennis Treat##imported-end##*

January 26, 2011 at 03:41 AM



“ *Bonnie was a constant inspiration to me from the time I can remember. She was always happy, always looked put together in her classy way - watching her mow the lawn, clean the kitchen tiles with a toothbrush or cook a meal she was always about taking care of the family and her home. A gracious hostess always. Most of all I remember sitting with her and listening to her tell me about her days and love for Verlyn. She told me many times how he was her best friend and how they fell asleep every night holding hands. She inspired me and touched my heart with the rare love they shared. What a blessing to have her in all of our lives, she was well loved and will be missed.##imported-begin##Carmie Hadley##imported-end##*

January 25, 2011 at 11:48 PM