



## Bonnie Crain Deford

December 7, 1931 - September 6, 2013

Bonnie Crain Deford, 81, a life long Rush County resident, passed away September 6, 2013 in Rushville. She was born December 7, 1931 in Rush County to Lester & Stella (Keith) Percy, both deceased.

Bonnie was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Rushville. She was a charter member of the Rushville Eagles Lodge where she was on the Ladies Auxillary. She worked nearly 30 years with International Furniture/Schnadig Corporation as a sewing machine operator and was an Avon rep. in Rush County for nearly 30 years.

She is survived by sons, Cary Gates, Sr & wife Melody of Denver, CO, Lee Gates, Jr & wife Billie of Phenix City, AL, daughters, Kathy Walker Burress of Buchanan, TN, Bonita Abrams of Arlington, Della Lowery & husband Robert of Clarksburg, Tammie Farley & April Nicholson & husband Tim all of Rushville, 19 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren & 5 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was preceded in death by son-in-laws, Bob Burress & Terry Abrams, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 11AM Saturday, September 21 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with Pastor Jan Dimick presiding. Friends are welcome to visit one hour prior to service at the church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Crain Deford*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *I've known your mother and most all of you since childhood. I will always remember her as a kind and loving individual. My hope is that you find solace in knowing she no longer suffers the trials and tribulations of this world. I share this with you:*

*"Shed not for her the bitter tear nor give the heart to vain regret.  
Tis but the casket that lies here, the gem that filled it, sparkles yet."*

*Holding her in your memories close to your heart, she will never leave you..*

*Roger Dice*

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**Roger Dice** - September 10, 2013 at 07:50 AM



“ *Tim&April:Very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing,she was a very nice lady who always had a smile and friendly hello whenever we saw her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family now and always. Bob&Connie Emme*

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**Bob Emme** - September 09, 2013 at 09:35 PM

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“ Deanne (Beard) Land lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Crain Deford



Deanne (Beard) Land - September 09, 2013 at 12:43 PM



“ Although it has been many years, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts during this time of remembrance. I remember your Mom very well from years gone by...



Greg Raike - September 09, 2013 at 10:29 AM

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“ My heart is breaking for all of you. Your Mom was a very special person and I'm so sad to hear of her passing. I wanted to share a card I received at my Mother-In-Laws passing. "Take Elephants, So big, So strong, And yet when a member of the herd passes, even elephants mourn. They gather around extend their trunks, and gently touch the tusks of their fallen friend, It's how they heal. And it's sad. And it's beautiful. So what I'm trying to say is the world doesn't expect you to be fine with this. Be how you need to be Mourn how you need to mourn. And please know that My heart and prayers are with each and every one of you.  
God Bless  
Larry & Peggy Scott

Peggy Scott - September 09, 2013 at 06:08 AM