



Bonnie Beatty

June 30, 1940 - January 28, 2021

On Thursday, January 28th, Bonnie Beatty, loving mother of three children, passed away at the age of 80.

Bonnie was born on June 30, 1940 in Winchester, Virginia to Mildred and William T. Locke. The family moved to Rocky Mount, Virginia, where she was an investigator for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department until her retirement after many years of service.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Steve Carter of Fairfax, VA; daughter and son-in-law Ann and Tom Hopkins of Charlotte, NC; and son and daughter-in-law Brice and Julie Beatty of Boones Mill, VA. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, Kenley Carter of Mechanicsville, VA and Abby Beatty of Boones Mill, VA and many nephews and nieces.

The family would like to thank April, Hannah, Latoya, Deanna, Corinne, and the rest of the staff at Commonwealth Senior Living in Christiansburg, VA.

They provided personalized love and care for our mother and made her a happy home in their facility. Thanks also Medi Home Health and Hospice for overseeing Bonnie's medical care.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation to Medi Home Health and Hospice in our loving mother's name. You may send a check to:

Medi Home Health and Hospice 141 E Main St Ste 500 Pulaski, Virginia,
24301-5047

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Bonnie was so sweet her an I were great friends .We had a lot of laughs together .An I had a very funny video. From America Funniest Videos. Bonnie an I would watch that an she would laugh so hard .I hadn't seen her for awhile. Covid-19 happened An my health went down some .Bonnie brought laughter to every room. She touched a lot of hearts .I will miss you my dear friend .Until we meet again. Love ,Tammy

Tammy Haga - January 31, 2021 at 09:01 PM

VM

“ So sorry for your loss Beatty family! Your mom and I were hired at the same time in 1976 by Sheriff W Q Overton, Sr. The first two female officers in Franklin County, Va. Even though the Sheriff didn't quite know what to do with us way back then, we ended up doing a lot of everything...dispatching, transporting, raids, stake-outs, investigations, rapes, drug cases, courts, jail....the works!! She wasn't afraid of anything and would tell you off in a second...One of the most dedicated officers that I ever knew. She paved the way for other female officers and investigators. She was assigned some of the most heinous cases that there were and they did take a toll on her, but she never gave up.

She also was one of the nicest, sweetest people you would ever meet. She played "cupid" to many of us...me and my husband, Patty & Euell, Nan & Steve and probably many more. She had an infectious laugh and a vibrant and devilish sense of humor. One day we were working in the jail (this is back then when there was fly-paper hanging down everywhere and would get stuck in your hair if you got close to it!). The jailer on duty would not get off his butt to do his work, instead sat at the desk reading a newspaper. Well Bonnie, being the mischievous little lady that she was, took out her cigarette lighter and lit the newspaper on fire. The jailer just kept on reading, not knowing until the paper was ablaze!! Didn't phase him much....but we were rolling in laughter!! That was a lifetime ago and we surely would not get by with it today!! She was truly a very special lady, friend and mentor!! Thank you sweet lady, rest well!!

Vicki W Meadors - January 31, 2021 at 06:36 PM



Haha! Vicki, I haven't seen you in ages. That was a funny memory. Thanks for sharing!

Ann Beatty - January 31, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bonnie at the Sheriff’s office for several years. She was kind, caring, and a very dedicated Investigator. The types of investigations she specialized in requires a special niche, and Bonnie certainly was the best at what she did. She mentored, and paved the way for others who followed in her footsteps after her retirement.

Bonnie was a friend to all who knew her. I’m so glad I was one of those people. May God comfort and strengthen the entire family as they move forward.

Steve McGuire

Steve McGuire - January 31, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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To :Bonnie Beatty Family, My condolences for your loss .Holding you in my prayers .

Tammy Haga - January 31, 2021 at 09:05 PM

NM

“ I had the opportunity to meet Bonnie when I worked at the Sheriff’s Office. During that time she became a mentor and teacher to me and I learned a tremendous amount from her on conducting investigations and working as a law enforcement officer. She was also a great friend and co-worker. It was a honor to have known her and worked with her. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family.

Nan McGuire - January 31, 2021 at 08:08 AM

RT

“ Bonnie was a sweet, amazing woman. I’m so blessed i got the opportunity to take care of her sweet, sassy self during my time at Commonwealth. Every time I’d put her to bed she’d smile and say she’d see me in the morning, but in reality she’d see me in the next half hour. She will be greatly missed by everyone who she came into contact with, she was a true blessing.

Renea Taylor - January 30, 2021 at 01:36 PM

MA

“ Bonnie was my favorite resident. She always kept a smile on my face. When I’d tuck her into bed she’d tell me she loves me, and always promise me she’d keep her butt in bed which never ended up being true. She will forever be missed.

Morgan Adams - January 30, 2021 at 02:14 AM

NO

Oh my goodness! Bonnie was truly a good friend. Our family loved her! She gave Bill and I a baby shower when we had our first child. She was in the “best friend circle” with Bill’s mom Ann. She had wit, humor and grit! She was a trailblazer as a woman in a man’s world at a time when police departments didn’t have many women! She will truly be missed. God bless the family during this difficult time. ❤️

Nancy Overton - January 30, 2021 at 11:50 AM

MB

“ I loved Mrs. Bonnie. She was one of my favorite resident and I missed you. She had such a beautiful smile and would always make my day. Especially when she would deny smoking in her room even though u could smell it. Liz and Ann. I am so sorry for your loss. Lots of love and prayers



Melissa Burnett - January 29, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I've known ms, Bonnie since she first came to CAL. She was a very sweet lady. I'll miss her.



Betty Barker - January 29, 2021 at 07:22 PM

SC

“ Sherry Crump lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Beatty



Sherry Crump - January 29, 2021 at 06:13 PM

CW

“ Carol Williams lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Beatty



Carol Williams - January 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM


Pamela
Saxon

“ *I spent a great deal of my childhood at Bonnie’s home... Bonnie was like a second mother to me. I adored her, and she played a very large part in keeping me out of trouble in my teens. I NEVER wanted to find myself in trouble with her, LOL!*



I’m sending my best friend Ann a big, warm, bear hug right now. I also want to send condolences and love to Gus and Brice. Your mom is dancing now at the big party in the next room.

Pamela Saxon - January 29, 2021 at 03:18 PM


Ann
Beatty

And having a beer! Love you, Pam

Ann Beatty - January 29, 2021 at 03:19 PM

PH

Bonnie, was good friend to me and my husband. She always made me laugh and I loved seeing her. When my daughter was born as she got older she always look forward go to Bonnie's for Halloween. I'm sure my husband will be there to greet her as she crosses over. I'm sending prayers to all of Bonnie's family.

Patty Hunt - January 29, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Think of Mom as you listen to any of these beautiful songs:

Hallelujah

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fP8sE6H7j2s>

You Raise Me Up

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=kG-vD-kkQ24>

Like A Bridge Over Troubled Water

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NZQSxDFDcxc>

Somewhere Out There

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Kn9BVeMVamw>

Ann Beatty - January 29, 2021 at 02:48 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie Beatty was perhaps one of the earliest innovators of how to investigate sex crimes and crimes against children. For over 24 years she worked as an investigator with Franklin County Sheriff's Department and crossed over and also assisted the Virginia State Police in their attempts to protect women and children against rape, abuse and molestation. Throughout her career she maintained over a 98% conviction rating and over 98 % confession rating. Several books mention her and her techniques. She was the main reason I went into law enforcement. I love you mom and will always hold you as my hero.*

Brice Beatty - January 29, 2021 at 02:01 PM



Well said, bro.

Ann Beatty - January 29, 2021 at 02:58 PM



I loved joking with your mom. I can attest to her law enforcement capabilities. I served on a Grand Jury one time and for several hours I heard her evidence and charges placed. She was a first class investigator. Prayers to all of you.

Les Hutchinson - January 29, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Ann Beatty lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Beatty*



Ann Beatty - January 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM