



## Bonnie Marie Moore

February 2, 1919 - May 30, 2017

Bonnie Marie Gibson Moore, a lifetime resident of Lawrence County, died Tuesday, May 30, at age 98.

A "ground hog day" baby, she was born Feb. 2, 1919, near Clear Springs, Ark., to John Shepherd Gibson and Mary Frances Gillihan Gibson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Truman Moore; a daughter, Catherine Marie Moore Clowers; her brother, Master Sgt. Herman N. Gibson; and her sisters, Lorene Chapman, Juanita Lumex and Louella McNeill.

She is survived by a daughter, Fran Austin (Doug) of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two sons, Harry Truman Moore (Linda Lou) of Paragould; and Tom Moore (Darlene) of Walnut Ridge; a son-in-law, Dr. Larry Clowers of Hot Springs Village; four granddaughters, Tina Dolbeare (Alex) of Dayton, Nev.; Teri Goodman of Cape Girardeau; Dr. Marsha Clowers of New York, N.Y.; Dr. Holly Clowers (Dr. Richard) Oberg of Jackson, Tenn.; one grandson, Matthew T. Moore of Walnut Ridge; a great-granddaughter, Meg Goodman of Springfield, MO; and great-grandsons, John Paul Goodman of Cape Girardeau; Austin Doyle of Los Angeles; and Nevada Dolbeare of Dayton.

Bonnie loved to reminisce about her youth when she rode horses, swam in

Spring River and worked on the family farm. After graduation from Sloan Hendrix Academy in 1938, she topped her class at Jonesboro Business College and worked in Jonesboro before marrying her high school sweetheart in 1939. "We said, 'I do,' and we did," she once recalled.

She obtained a license to teach school, but she chose instead to teach at home, sharing the lessons of life with the four children who she supported through school and sent to college. A consummate homemaker, her family holiday meals were legend.

After her children were grown, she joined her husband, Truman Moore, as co-owner and operator of Moore Furniture Co. in Walnut Ridge. Truman may have been "the boss," but everyone knew who was really in charge.

Her home was a rest stop for Arkansas politicians as they traveled from the July 4th picnics in Clay County to the final stop of the day at the Portia Picnic. She served iced tea and fresh-squeezed lemonade to State Supreme Court judges, congressmen, senators, governors, attorneys general, and a young man who eventually became President.

After they sold the business and retired, Bonnie enjoyed flower gardening, travel, photography, reading, Lawrence County Historical Society, quilting, and the Lawrence Welk Show. She was known for her wit and her "sayings." If she wanted something kept a secret, she would tell you: "If I want someone to know what I said, I'll tell them myself."

From the time the couple moved to Walnut Ridge about 1946, she was a member of First Baptist Church, where she filled many volunteer roles. The time she spent teaching classes of two-year-olds on Sunday morning was particularly gratifying, as many grew up to be leaders in the church. She enjoyed Women's Missionary Union and her adult Sunday School class; in her

later years, at Lawrence Hall, she often shared her faith with staff and visitors.

The funeral service will be Friday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge with Rev. Jake Guenrich officiating. The family will receive visitors at the church beginning at 12 noon. Burial will follow in the New Hope Cemetery near Denton, under the direction of Bryan Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be made to the building fund of the First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, or your favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope Cemetery

450 Lawrence Rd 267  
Smithville, AR 72466

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge  
317 SW Front St.  
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

## Funeral Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Marie Moore*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *H.T., So sorry to learn of the loss of your Mother. I have such fond memories of your parents as I was growing up in WR and the Baptist Church community. What a blessing they were and they set such high standards for the rest of us. Please give the rest of the family my deepest sympathy and know you will be in my prayers as you start this new chapter in your life. Sincerely, Rochelle Clark Greenwood*

**Rochelle Clark Greenwood** - June 04, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Moore's passing. We remember her as a kind & friendly "Southern Lady." Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in her loss. May God give you extra grace and mercy during this time.*

*Buddy & Sandi Johnston  
Jonesboro*

**Buddy Johnston** - June 02, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ *Tom and family, sending my deepest condolences, And keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

**Sherry Martin** - June 01, 2017 at 05:54 PM

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“ Tom and HT,  
Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

*Brent and Boyd Griggs*

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**Brent Griggs** - June 01, 2017 at 03:13 PM

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“ HT Moore,

*The Red Wolves Foundation extends deepest sympathy for you and your family for the loss of your sweet mother.*

*Sincerely,  
Gina Winchester  
Red Wolves Foundation  
June 1, 2017*

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**Gina Winchester** - June 01, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JK

“ HT and Linda Lou , Billie and I are thinking of you and your family.  
God Bless everyone. Jerry King

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**Jerry King** - June 01, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Marie Moore.



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May 31, 2017 at 10:24 PM

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“ *Ms Bonnie was a very special lady. Always friendly and kind towards other . Will miss her. we send our heartfelt condolences to each of her family.*

*Dianne and Larry Sneed*



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**Dianne Shawver Sneed** - May 31, 2017 at 04:39 PM