



Bonnie Mae Loynd Booze-Clark

July 31, 1933 - July 2, 2021

Bonnie Mae Loynd Booze-Clark was born July 31, 1933, in Rigby, ID, to Bertha Palmer Blodgett and John Leonard Loynd. Her given name was Claretta, but the family legally changed it later. She was the eldest of four children. As a young girl, she mistakenly thought she could fly, and jumped off the roof straight into some garbage cans. Thankfully, she lived through that, as well as a serious bout of scarlet fever. In her late teens, Bonnie worked summers at Yellowstone National Park and volunteered as a candy striper at LDS Hospital. Later she worked her way through school with a job at that hospital, became a licensed practical nurse (LPN), and graduated from LDS Business College.

One night Bonnie went out with her girlfriends and providentially met Fred Lomax Booze of Springwood, VA, (a Navy man stationed in Idaho). Bonnie's mother called Fred "a long, tall drink of water" and he changed her life. They married in Ely, NV, (even though Fred forgot his shoes), and they spent the next several years moving their family wherever the US Navy sent them: first to Vallejo, CA, then San Francisco, CA. Later they moved to Hampton, VA, then to favorite Charleston, SC, and north again to Virginia Beach, VA. Bonnie enjoyed being a military wife and mother of four, even when Fred was deployed on submarine duty for months at a time. In 1969, Fred retired from the Navy and the family relocated to Texas, where they have been anchored ever since.

After her youngest child started elementary school, Bonnie took a job as a bank teller and worked there for several years. She later worked as a legal secretary for local attorney Leon Smith until he retired. Her last job, from which she retired in 1995, was as appointment secretary at the LDS Dallas Texas Temple. As a recent widow and retiree, she began traveling and enjoyed trips all over the US (Hawaii was a favorite) and to other countries, including Mexico, Guatemala, Scandinavia, and the Baltic. On one of her many trips home to Idaho, she reconnected with school friend Lewis Max Clark. They enjoyed a whirlwind courtship and married in 2002. Bonnie and Max were blessed to find each other and enjoyed almost 20 years together, traveling often between their homes in Texas and Idaho. Max had rarely left Idaho before marrying Bonnie, but since then she's taken him on many adventures across the US and even outside the country, to Panama, Costa Rica,

Aruba, Curaçao, and Colombia.

Bonnie loved bluebonnets, the color purple, and Elvis. She collected spoons from all over the world – many thanks to all those who gifted her one when they traveled! She was an avid genealogist and served as President of the Rockwall County Genealogical Society. She was good at pinochle and crochet, and she took in many strays before animal rescue was an official thing. Her beloved dog, Cricket, was her constant companion for many years. Bonnie was always color-coordinated and enjoyed buying new outfits, cute shoes, and fancy jewelry. She would not be seen without her hair done and a good manicure. Bonnie has made dozens of beautiful quilts that her family and friends will enjoy for decades, and though we complained too often when she pulled out her camera, we will also cherish the many pictures she took.

Bonnie was born during the Great Depression and was a child of World War II. She experienced the Cold War as a military wife, then lived through 9-11 and the COVID pandemic. In May, she enjoyed Mother's Day with all her kids and last week, she made it a point to see her beloved Yellowstone Park. Bonnie's last meal was a milkshake and when she died, her nails were fabulously done in red, white, and blue. She was one feisty lady with a million-dollar smile, and we will miss her.

Bonnie left this world early in the morning on Friday July 2, 2021, after a brief illness and a heart attack. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, LaVar Loynd, and husband, Fred.

Bonnie's greatest pride was her family. She is survived by her four children: Shirlee Booze Stewart Chaillet (Brian), Jeanetta Booze Daniel McFee (John), Rodney Booze (Amy), and Tamela Booze Terry (Mark); her ten grandchildren: Erica Stewart Merrill (Danny Cracchiolo), Cameron Stewart (Toni), Peyton Stewart Freeman (Max), Christopher Daniel (Jennifer), Thomas Daniel (Lindsey), Reagan Booze, Ryan Booze, Rachael Booze, Haile Terry, and Jensen Terry; her five great-grandchildren: Sterling, Remington, Lark, Tess, and Gwen; and two step-great-grandchildren: Brandon and Tyler. Bonnie is also survived by her loving sisters: Beverley Tracy and Dorothy Franck; her devoted husband: Max Clark; his three children: Jeff (Dee), Kristy (Tyson), and Bryan (Susan); six Clark grandchildren; and eleven Clark great-grandchildren.

Visitation in Idaho will be July 5, 2021, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Eckersell Funeral Home at 101 W Main St, Rigby, ID. Condolences may be expressed at <https://www.resthavenfuneral.com/> or <https://www.eckersellfuneralhome.com/>.

Texas funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 6819 S Farm To market 549, Heath, TX 75032. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park. A gathering of friends and family will take place at the church prior to the service beginning at 2:00pm.

Cemetery

Events

Rest Haven Memorial Park
2500 State Highway 66 East
Rockwall, TX, 75087

Gathering

02:00PM - 03:00PM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints -
Heath

6819 S FM 549, Heath, TX, US, 75032

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Funeral Service

03:00PM

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Comments



“ Karen Larman lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Mae Loynd Booze-Clark



Karen Larman - July 11, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ Bonnie was the first friend I had in Rockwall. One Sunday at Church, Bishop Grebe asked me if I had met Bonnie Booze, which I had not. When he introduced me to her, she wanted my phone number and address. In a few days, she wanted to come and see me. I was working and did not get home until 5:00. About a year later I lost my job. We finally got together, but I was offered another job. Every Sunday she was checking on me. She was working in Sunday School. She would ask me if I could or would substitute in Sunday School, which I did. Because of her keeping me subbing, my two girls and Lee were baptized. After I quit work, she and I were VT'g companions. We had so much fun. Every time we would get together, we would express our wishes for a Church building to be here in Rockwall. (We were having to drive into Dallas 4-5 times a week for all our meetings) Now Bonnie, the Lord blessed us with a Church building in Rockwall. I love you You were always a ray of sunshine to me because of your contagious, beautiful smile 😊😊,

Betty Hust - July 10, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ My heart is broken to lose my forever “Idaho” buddy. We shared so many things in common. I’m proud to admit to adding to her spoon collection several times. Whenever my husband and I traveled, it was always a priority to find a spoon for Bonnie (sometimes, this was difficult to do). When we did the memory quilt for Relief Society, we put our heads together to come up with our way to represent our beloved Idaho. I enjoyed many visits with Bonnie at her lovely home in Rockwall. We could talk for hours, as she had so many stories to share about her children and grandchildren. Her love for her family was an integral part of her life. I will never forget how excited she was when she announced her marriage to Max. She loved her sweet husband Fred and she never gave any thought to marrying anyone else, so when she came back from attending a class reunion in Idaho, she told me about reconnecting with Max. She just glowed. It was my pleasure to host a wedding shower for her, even though Shirley got lost but eventually showed up. I even gave her a little “gift” I put together for Max which had her laughing up a storm. I’ve never known another person who had such a beautiful smile. When we worked side by side at the Dallas Temple, I looked up to her and thought “why can’t I be more like Bonnie?” She set the bar so high for many of us. Let’s all try to be more like Bonnie!! I will miss you always my friend.....until we meet again.

Nancy Haight Max - July 9, 2021

Nancy Max - July 09, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ So many wonderful moments that I was able to share with Bonnie. She helped me many times with words of encouragement, compassion, and love! She was always a total joy to be with! Bonnie came to my house many years ago when my kids were very little and we worked together on a quilt for Relief Society. I was her Visiting Teacher and my husband was her Home Teacher on & off for many years. My younger daughter (who shared the same birthday with Bonnie) helped clean ALL of the spoons for a Young Women’s project! Needless to say, that took a lot of time & several visits! Bonnie was such a great example to me and my family.

Tess Curtis - July 07, 2021 at 02:51 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Bonnie Photos



Tamela - July 05, 2021 at 03:44 PM