



## Bonnie Mathis

February 7, 1938 - July 23, 2025

Bonnie Lou Mathis, age 87, of Lakeland FL, formerly Zeeland, MI, passed away July 23, 2025, with her children by her side.

Bonnie was born on February 7, 1938, in Saginaw, MI, adopted by James and Pauline McGuire Sr, and grew up in Allen Park, MI.

She is survived by her children Deana (Bob) Cornwell of Columbia City, IN, Darren (Lisa) Mathis of Zeeland, MI, Debra (Jared) Renadette of Cincinnati, OH. Grandchildren Ashley (Liam) Kelly of Mishawaka, IN, Nathan (Melissa) Mathis [Mila & Parker] of Holland, MI, Brandon (Sara) Mathis [Brady] of West Bloomfield, MI, Carolyn Mathis of Zeeland, MI, Christian Almanza of Cincinnati, OH, Danielle (Jacob) White [Ariana & Riley]. Siblings: Keith McGuire of Bronson, MI, Gary (Vida) McGuire of Arkansas, nieces and nephews, and her best friend of 72 years Joyce Burkhart of Lakeland, FL.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents: James and Pauline McGuire Sr, sister-in-law Marisol McGuire, and granddaughter Alexandria Almanza.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place; and a private family celebration of life is planned.

The Mathis family would like to thank the following people: the staff at

Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center – in particular, her nurses Jess and Mindy; Pastors Glenn Procopio and Mike Williams, and Joyce Burkhart for being such an amazing friend, for driving her where she needed to go, and for being with Bonnie to the end.

Arrangements by Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes, Lakeland, Florida

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Barbara Jones lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Mathis*



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**Barbara Jones** - August 23, 2025 at 08:28 PM

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“ *Connie and I have known Bonnie for a lot of years going back to the 1980s. We met her at Faith Christian Center at that time, I served with her as a Elder at the church. Later I started a church in Allegan Mi she also attended and served as a Elder and leadership board. I found her to be a excellent bible teacher, she was one of strongest Christians I've ever met. I know she wanted to go home and be with Jesus for some time. What a great testimony her life was, Connie and I will miss her but glad she is home.  
Pastors Earl and Connie VanDyke Gateway Freedom Church*

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**Earl VanDyke** - August 12, 2025 at 11:21 AM

 Dorene Royal

“ *Bonnie was a member of Word for All Ages, an adult Sunday School Class at Victory Church. I had the honor of being her teacher and we chatted about various subjects every week before class. She wsa always smiling, always positive, full of wisdom and I admired her as a very classy lady and a woman of God. She will be missed dearly; I am glad that life on earth is temorary and we will all be with her again some day - for eternity. Dorene Royal*

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**Dorene Royal** - August 02, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BJ

“ Bonnie,

*I loved working with you at Trendway. Although you were not employed by them, you cleaned there. You were a sweet friend, we had lots of great talks and laughs. I'm so sorry to come across this obituary.*

*My sympathy, hugs, love and prayers to Darren and Lisa and your extended family.*

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**Barb Jones** - July 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM