



Bonnie Parker Towe

October 9, 1928 - April 8, 2020

Bonnie Parker Towe, 91, of Weaverville passed peacefully into Her Father's arms on April 8 at the Brian Center, whose heroes have lovingly cared for her these last six months, in the midst of Corona concerns. She was the wife of Franklin MacAdoo Towe of Arden, who worked directly with and under Douglas MacArthur during WWII, then for 40 years with Norfolk Southern Railway in security. They were married 60 years until his passing in 2007. Bonnie worked at First Union Bank for many years, and later took up golf and won many tournaments.

Bonnie was pre-deceased by her parents William Cleveland Parker and Bessie Robinson Parker, who grew up in Prices Creek Valley in Yancey, and later moved to Buncombe County. Bonnie was born October 9, 1928 in Madison County. She had three brothers, Glenn, Mack and John, along with three sisters, Alice, Ann, and Irene. With Cherokee roots on her father's side, Bonnie's love for literature, flowers, gardens and all things outdoors have deeply influenced son Robert who writes naturalist articles for the Yancey Times- Journal. He and sister Lynn remember wonderful walks in the woods with their mom as children. Lynn inherited Bonnie's creativity in areas of fashion and cooking.

She is survived by daughter Elizabeth Lynn Towe of Raleigh, son Robert Charles Towe and wife Diana of Weaverville, and two lovely granddaughters,

Farrah and Natallie. Also close to her are two special nieces, Maxine Hamrick Kennedy and Joan Mallory Elliott, along with many other nieces and nephews.

During her last six months, Bonnie had many visits and cards from church and neighborhood friends. She wrote, "to my loving church family of Weaverville Presbyterian Church and my gracious friends in Kyfields who stopped by to visit on my front porch, I thank you from the bottom of my heart". For Bonnie's love of nature, it was appropriate that the spring birds had built a nest in her front porch wreath. There were five baby wrens the Friday before Palm Sunday, and the day of her spirit's flight to heaven, the birds also had flown.... "Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away"....

A celebration of life will be held to rejoice in Bonnie's presence with the Savior in heaven, at First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville, led by her beloved pastor Skip Gillikin. The date will be set as soon as the pandemic sheltering criteria has lifted. Bonnie loved flowers, and those will be welcome at her memorial. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory to her church at 30 Alabama Ave, Weaverville, 28787, are also welcome.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Parker Towe*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *She was an inspiration and taught me how to cook so I could feed her son. A beautiful spirit and grounded in her faith and the Earth.*

Nancy Lynn Carey - January 08, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *I remember camping trips, lake trips, being together at Grandma and Grandads on Sunday. I remember the love and closeness of brothers and sisters, the smell of fresh baked biscuits, green beans, creamed corn, fried chicken and blackberry cobbler. Of playing hide and seek with cousins, of laughter, joy, and celebrations. Aunt Bonnie was the last member of “the Parkers” from Yancey, Madison, and Buncombe counties. She is now with brothers, sisters, parents and friends who have gone before. With my uncle Mac with whom she raised two children who have made this world a better place to live. She was loved, she will be missed...her laughter, the twinkle in her eyes, the stubbornness inherited from the Parker genes. Rest In Peace Aunt Bonnie.*

Tom Parker - April 17, 2020 at 11:59 AM

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“ We will miss Ms Bonnie, she always had a smile to share with others. When she was able to shop at Publix, she would come and find me to tell me hi. What a sweet and loving woman she was. Her family and friends are in our thoughts & prayers.

Kit & Sandie Conrad

Sandie Conrad - April 15, 2020 at 02:54 PM