



## Bonnie H. Grant

May 21, 1940 - April 5, 2016

Bonnie Grant, 75, died on Tuesday, April 5th, at Citizen's Memorial Hospital after several years of illness. Bonnie was born in Hannibal, MO May 21, 1940, to Gertrude Hale Wadington and James Hale, both deceased. She is survived by her beloved son, James Robert Grant, her sister, Penny Hale, her brother-in-law, Ken Welch and numerous cousins. Bonnie moved to Mississippi when she was 7 years old. She graduated high school and junior college in Poplarville, MS. Bonnie worked in several businesses, including the casino in Bay St.Louis until she was displaced by hurricane Katrina and moved to Bolivar in 2005. She worked at the school until her health prohibited working outside the home. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bolivar. Bonnie made friends where ever she lived and kept contact with all of them through the years. She was loyal, attentive, and quite funny with the people she loved. She was the person who kept track of the family. She had a lot of strikes against her health wise from the beginning of her life but managed to work around many of them. Her primary focus was always her son who whom she loved fiercely. She has missed her mother terribly since her death. We trust that she and her mother are together and that they are looking down on Jimmy now and protecting him.

The family is requesting that memorial contributions be made to Jimmy's sheltered workshop, Burrell Working Solutions, 4745 131st St, Bolivar, Mo. 65613

There will be a memorial service at Butler Funeral Home Thursday, April 14th

at 11:00. A luncheon will be served afterwards at the First Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie H. Grant*

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October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Bonnie H. Grant*

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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

“ Bonnie, this is for you.

*I'm so sad. I just found out that you passed away. My dear friend, I will miss you. Perhaps you wanted to spare me what you were going through towards the end. Maybe you didn't have the presence of mind to know i was trying to reach you. When messages on your voicemail, calls to hospitals didn't work, I finally sent a letter. Your dear sweet sister, Penny, responded and told me you died.*

*I knew you would leave us soon, but it's always a shock, when loved ones depart. Dear heart, I read what they said about you. You would like it. It's a fitting tribute.*

*Yes, you were devoted to your precious son, Jimmy. He was the light in your eyes and the one who walked with you every step of the way. I believed he was a gift from God for you. You knew it.*

*Yes, you adored your family. Based on your stories about your dad, I could probably describe this hard-working man. I think you're probably a lot like him. I'm grateful I had a chance to meet your lovely mother. She was such a beautiful, gracious lady. Although I haven't met Penny in person, I may have that opportunity one day. You always said she was as smart as a whip. You were so proud of her. She tells me she's watching out for Jimmy, and so are his friends as well as his workshop and church community. I'd like to thank all that are caring for Jimmy. He's a special soul. Friends, keep him safe.*

*Yes, you kept in touch with friends and family. We've known each other since 1992, when we met as neighbors in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Even though jobs took me to several states, you always kept in touch. When Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi, we were all devastated. With my family in Baton Rouge and New Orleans and you and Jimmy and other friends on the Mississippi coast, it was a nerve-racking time. In trying to account for everyone's safety, I was able to find all except you. That took two years, because*

*neither of us had our latest addresses.*

*This is a miracle story I want to share with your friends to show how God works in our lives. Katrina hit the coast, when I was working at the University of North Texas in Denton. When my search for you hit a dead end, I asked my editor (who never makes a mistake) to help me search for you. That day, she made a mistake. She entered your name, but instead of typing MS for Mississippi, she typed MO for Missouri by mistake. It was the mistake that turned into a miracle. It ended the two-year search to find you. God must have wanted it to happen that way.*

*I'm so glad we were able to share some laughs and sweet times over the past few years. You were such an inspiration to me, Bonnie. You helped me overcome my own challenges. Knowing that you could put one foot in front of the other, with every health challenge, job obstacle, and even when the worst natural disaster in our nation's history hit your home, made you a shining example to many. But, you wouldn't think that about yourself. You were more humble than that.*

*You took it all in stride, and you lived your life with faith and grace. You had your hard side as all of us do, but you didn't complain much even though God knows you had a lot you could have complained about. Instead, you used that sense of humor to turn things around, and you encouraged others.*

*You walked with me during some of my darkest hours and most painful circumstances. and I'm sure that you did this for others in your unassuming way. You always encouraged me and made me feel valued and respected. Thank you.*

*Wayne and I are happy we were able to visit with you last year. Wayne said it was time. He was right. My dear unsinkable Bonnie Grant, we will cherish that last visit with you and Jimmy. Now, you're in heaven with your family, and probably cracking jokes with angels. Thank you for who you were and what you did in my life. We'll try to*

*contact Jimmie, when we're in Missouri.*

*Cathy Cashio Bertrand  
Texas City, Texas  
August 4, 2016*

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**Cathy C. Bertrand** - August 04, 2016 at 02:11 PM

TN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I too had tried to call and phone was disconnected and had no way to get a hold of any of her family. She had a card addressed to me and the family went ahead and sent it to me and I am so glad you did, thank you for that. I will miss her calls and happy voice. I never knew her to be sad...what a wonderful lady. Thank you Bonnie for your friendship, it meant so much to me. Terri Noll and family*



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**Theresa Noll** - July 05, 2016 at 09:17 PM

MW

“ Dear Penny and Jimmy,

*I tried to call Bonnie today - I had not heard from her since Christmas and she usually calls me. I found her phone disconnected so I tried to look up a new phone number for her and found this. Rob and I are so very sorry . I know you will miss her loyal, loving spirit, as we will. I always admired Bonnie's strength of character and her ability to approach life with such a positive outlook. She will be greatly missed.*

*Please send me your contact information- I would like to keep in touch with both of you. My prayers will be with you- now and in the days ahead.*

*Love,  
Mari and Rob Wilson*

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**mari wilson** - May 25, 2016 at 12:50 PM

MG

“ We are Marilyn and Doyle Grant from Gulfport, Ms. We are sister in-law and brother-in-law to Bonnie. We talked with her about every other week, and have not been able to reach her by phone in months. We are so saddened by her death and are concerned for Jimmy. We had many happy chats and memories with Bonnie and Jimmy. Please contact me if you will at [dadmsmom80@gmail.com](mailto:dadmsmom80@gmail.com) Our prayers are with you and Jimmy.

*In God we trust  
Marilyn and Doyle*

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**Marilyn and Doyle Grant** - April 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM