



Gwendolyn M. Bonner

May 19, 1931 - December 19, 2023

Gwendolyn Bonner: Extraordinary mother, teacher, seamstress, musician

Gwendolyn Maxine Bonner was born May 19, 1931, in Strawn, Texas. She died Dec. 19, 2023, in Glen Rose, Texas.

Gwen was a longtime Hico, Texas resident. She taught school in New Mexico and Texas from the early 1950s to the early 1990s, when she retired from the Hico school district. She was skilled at keeping her students focused on learning as she taught everything from reading to home economics through the years.

Gwen was highly creative all her life, as both a seamstress and a pianist.

She started sewing as a child in the Ranger, Texas, area. Her fashion sense began with a love of shoes growing up, when getting a new pair was an event. She went on to make designer-level clothing for herself and her children. Gwen had exquisite taste and a discerning eye for color, proportion and detail. Her home was beautifully decorated with things she loved.

Gwen graduated from Abilene Christian University (then Abilene Christian College) in the 1950s with an education degree, but she started college as a piano major. She was a gifted musician, born with the ability to play almost anything by ear. She often accompanied her father, David Bailey Woods, as

he played fiddle.

Gwen is survived by her three children, Judy Wiley, James Wiley and Kelly Wiley; sister

Cevellia Roberts and brothers Tim and Floyd Woods; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands James L. Wiley and Frank Bonner; and brother Bailey "Bubba" Woods.

Cemetery Details

Crossroads Cemetery

Ranger, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harvest Hills Funeral Home
118 Second Street
Hico, TX 76457
(254) 796-4722
info@harvesthillsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.harvesthillsfuneralhome.com/>

Church Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hico Church of Christ
301 Pecan ST
Hico, TX 76457

Tribute Wall



“ Harvest Hill Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gwendolyn M. Bonner



Harvest Hills Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.



December 22, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Nigalye Medical Clinic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.

Nigalye Medical Clinic - December 22, 2023 at 11:28 AM

JR

“ John,Laura, Austin, Tatum & Kolt Roberts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.



John,Laura, Austin, Tatum & Kolt Roberts - December 21, 2023 at 03:57 PM

CR

“ Here some great pictures of Gwen and family



Cevellia Roberts - December 21, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JW

Thanks so much for sharing these, Cevellia.

Judy Wiley - December 23, 2023 at 12:15 AM



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December 21, 2023 at 02:12 PM

CM

“ Gwendolyn’s bright smile and generous spirit will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her. I loved her wonderfully hand crafted creations at the family reunions. So very sorry for your family’s loss.

Carolyn ad Melvin McCallum - December 21, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.



December 21, 2023 at 12:56 AM

AM

“ Alec and Max purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.



Alec and Max - December 20, 2023 at 02:46 PM

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“ Alec and Max planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.

Alec and Max - December 20, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MB

“Gwen was mother to my cousins Judy, James, and Kelly Wiley. I remember her having a whistle that could call every kid in a 3 mile radius. At least that's the decibel level I perceived! She was a very fine lady and will be well remembered.

Marsha Bell - December 20, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.



December 20, 2023 at 11:12 AM

RL

“Robin Loveman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn M. Bonner.

Robin Loveman - December 20, 2023 at 11:12 AM