



Bernice W. Grizzard

January 17, 1931 - April 28, 2020

Bernice W. Grizzard went to be with the Lord on April 28, 2020. She is survived by her sons William Dennis Watkins (Julia) and Don Curtis Watkins (Barbara); five grandchildren Tara Neeld, Keith Zahn, Christina Ulmer, Chad Ulmer, and Jacob Watkins; six great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Bernice lived a full life. She accepted Christ at an early age and her faith seldom wavered. She loved her church family and they were never far from her thoughts, even when she could no longer attend the services. Bernice's family in Christ kept her uplifted in prayer during some of the hardest times she had to face. Her church family wrote to her, sent her thoughtful cards, and visited with her often. They blessed her with the gift of true friendship that can only be formed through the love of Christ.

Bernice was a kindhearted person who had an abundance of love for all, including her beloved and pampered dogs. In fact, Bernice was known to take in any stray mutt or hunting dog that happened to pass through her yard. By the following morning, that lucky hound was full as a tick and thoroughly enjoying his new accommodations. Many a hunter would rue the day when his best blue or walker wandered away and onto Bernice's property.

Bernice had a passion for gardening, especially working with flowers. Being

outside with nature was home to her. She enjoyed growing life and sharing the fruits of her labor with others. Passing along a clipping here or a planting there – this was true pleasure for Bernice. Her generosity was boundless.

Bernice loved her family and friends dearly and they loved her as well. She will truly be missed by all. Rest in peace Mom-you will never be forgotten.

A private graveside service will be held at Bethany Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Charles City, VA.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *An Amazing Grandma... She taught me a lot in our few interactions especially about Peanut farming and the love for her farm hands, and look at the heart and actions of a person before listening to their words... I miss ya Grandma and I kept my promise when you passed I smoked some Marijuana and remembered the first time we smoked as you said (one of them Marijuana cigarettes) at my High School graduation... Grandma my research thesis helped legalize it as you said it would...*

Chad ulmer or Walking Moon on FB - June 06, 2025 at 04:56 PM

JP

“ *Wayne and I are so sorry for all of your loss , Our family was so blessed to have so many great memories with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Jacque Powell - May 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Julia Watkins - May 01, 2020 at 10:29 AM

JW

This is a picture of me and Mom; taken while Dennis and I were on the way back to Ohio from Florida last spring. Before Bernice went into the nursing home, she visited with us often. She would stay at our home for up to two months at a time almost every summer. She and I would get up early every morning; sitting outside on the deck overlooking the pond, drinking our coffee, and catching up on everything that had happened since we were last together. Our entire family looked forward to seeing her. We would sit around the fire pit listening to Mom telling her stories in her southern accent; which we all enjoyed.

When you consider the perfect mother-in-law, Bernice would be the one that you would want. I loved her so much. She always treated me like a daughter. She will be greatly missed, but I know she's in heaven with her hummingbirds and beagle dogs, or as she would call them "beetle dogs", lol. We love you Mom. Rest in peace.

Julia Watkins - May 01, 2020 at 11:32 AM

CA

so sorry for your lost I always enjoyed my time with Bernice she is with the heavenly father be at peace.

Carol - May 01, 2020 at 05:48 PM

JG

“ Bernice was an open and friendly woman who showed love and kindness to everyone. When she came to Lanexa to visit family, she would always come by our place to say hello, look at the creek and spend time with our "Girls" - our Huskies Bandi and Chica. They loved spending time with her as did we. We will all surely miss Bernice!



Jack Chalmers & Barbara Gilroy - April 30, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JC

Above post was from Jack Chalmers & Barbara Gilroy

Jack Chalmers - April 30, 2020 at 12:41 PM

PW

Dearest Don and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We all know that your Mom is with God having a good ole time. She is working in the flower beds and just enjoying herself. She was such a special lady, super kind hearted and loving. I am so glad I had the pleasure of meeting and knowing her.

Love and prayers for you. Always remember and cherish the good times:)

Pinky Whitehurst - May 01, 2020 at 09:57 AM

TH

So sorry for the loss of your mom. She was always friendly and inviting, always smiling. She knew she was loved dearly by her family. Hold tight to those wonderful memories

Tina Hicks - May 03, 2020 at 06:52 AM