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Bonnie Mae Girlinghouse Milner entered peacefully into rest on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at the age of 95 years, 4 months and 1 day, at the Westwood Manor of DeRidder. Bonnie was born on Wednesday, August 29, 1926, in Pineville, LA to Jessie T. and Lillie Mae Redding Girlinghouse.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 28, 2022, from 10:00 AM until the time of service which will begin at 12:00 PM, in the chapel of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of DeRidder with the Rev. Ann Girlinghouse Willet, Senior Minister of Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, officiating. The family kindly request all attending the services wear a mask. Interment will follow at the Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder. A reception will be held at the First Baptist Church following the graveside service. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of DeRidder.

Bonnie was raised in Pineville, La and attended Bolton High School in Alexandria. It was there that she met the love of her life, Herman R. Milner of Alexandria. They were married in 1944.

Bonnie as a young woman supported the war effort during WWII as a clerk at Esler Airfield. When Herman accepted a job with Holsom Bread Co., the family moved to DeRidder, La. In 1949/50.



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Bonnie worked at Standard Mercantile as a bookkeeper for a number of years. She then worked for West Brothers in the home office in the accounts receivable department, insurance, and credit union. After retiring from West Brothers, Bonnie served as hostess at the First Baptist Church, preparing awesome meals for the Wednesday night suppers, banquets, and special events. Her mandarin orange cake was an anticipated treat that was looked forward to by many attendees. Bonnie and Herman were long time faithful members of the First Baptist Church in DeRidder.

Bonnie was a devoted mother and wife and will be deeply missed by her sons, relatives, and friends who knew her for her cheerfulness and caring.

Bonnie is survived by her three sons, Ted L. Milner and wife Linda of DeRidder, LA, Donald R. Milner and wife Patti of New Orleans, LA, and Robert W. "Bob" Milner and wife Anne of Acworth, GA; three grandchildren, Christopher M. Milner and wife Erin, Betsey Norton and husband David and Megan Layman and husband Todd; five great-grandchildren, Lillie Mae Norton, Mary Elizabeth Norton, Audrey Milner, Joseph Herman Milner, and Holly Layman; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Lillie Girlinghouse; husband of 66 years, Herman Milner; brothers, J. T. Girlinghouse, John Girlinghouse, Ray Girlinghouse, and Earl Girlinghouse.



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Mike Harper posted:

I met her through Herman. I liked them both immediately. Herman told me about his years as the Holsum Man and he mentioned several people that I knew. I watched him with his lawn business and I think that was simply for fishing money. Bonnie I met later and she could hear what I was saying but couldn't see me well. They had the largest television that I had ever seen so she could put a book under the camera and it would display on the screen. He could see but had trouble hearing. I know that they both accomplished their tasks here with us and I am so proud for them to again be together again. My prayers are with the Family during this time.

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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