



Virgie Bernice Rader

October 26, 1931 - September 6, 2017

Virgie Bernice Rader entered quietly into her heavenly home on September 6, 2017 to join those waiting for her.

She was born Virgie Bernice Heaton to Milo and Velma Baker Heaton on October 26, 1931 in Maryville, TN.

As a young girl she attended Lanier school from grade 1 through 12. She was a member of Nelson Chapel Church of Christ until she left for David Lipscomb College. There she received her "MRS" after meeting Jesse J Rader III in the school library where they were married on a cold and snowy day, November 2, 1951. They were married for 33 wonderful years. We know this because Daddy told her what a wonderful 33 years they had just minutes before he entered his heavenly home on November 2, 1984.

Together they had four children, Joel Rader (Sherrie), Glenda Case (Robert), Roy Lennis Rader (Debbie), Becky Lane (Ronnie) and then along came Sandra Kay Pretre (Green). They were further blessed by a host of grandchildren: Christy Rader (Bryan Clardy), Kimberly Rader (Donald Myers), Jessica Case (Ricky George), Jennifer Case (Jeremy Medley), Jan Case (Ben Starr), Joel Rader Jr. (April Rader), Laura Rader (Andrew Whittington), Monica Lane (Joshua Larson), Houston Lane, Abby Green, Connor Green, Elise Green and yet again with another larger host XX great-grandchildren: Alexandria Schoon, Ashley Clardy, Emily Schoon, Michael Clardy, Alleyona

Rader, Joel Rader III, Bethany Clardy, Owen Myers, Abbygail Larson, Ayden Larson, Jonah Medley, Kirsten Whittington, Jamin Medley and coming very soon.....Joseph Milo Lee George.

Bernice worked for Tennessee Department of Health Vital Records for 26 years and made many lifelong friends. She loved her work family.

Bernice moved to the Windlands Retirement Center in 2015 and made new friends there. She enjoyed many of the activities but especially the late night Rook Games and the snacks to go with it. Often times people would go to visit with her and would have to hunt the building to find her with her busy social schedule.

Bernice had a strong sense of family and has instilled it in her children. As youngsters, we attended family reunions every year. She wanted us to know who we were and to actually know our family. We are also grateful for the love of the Lord our parents shared with us. Without our firm faith in our Savior, this time in our life would be bleak. The knowledge of our salvation in the Lord and that we will all be together again makes these days bearable.

We love you Mother and look forward to the day when we will all be together again beneath the throne of God.

The funeral for Mrs. Virgie B Rader will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Nelson Chapel Church of Christ in Maryville, TN at 1 p.m. EST. The family will receive friends from 12 - 1. There will be a memorial service for her friends and family located in Nashville on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Trinity Lane Church of Christ, 501 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, TN, 37207 at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends from 1-2.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgie Bernice Rader*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *I just discovered this news, a year later. Bernice was my next door neighbor for 4 1/2 years in East Nashville. My wife & I loved her. She was always welcoming and loved to talk. I also got acquainted with Ronnie and Joel, her sons, and they were good to us as well.*

Nathan & Megan - October 10, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Please accept my deepest condolences. May your memories warm your heart and bring a smile to your face in time. My hope is that God will give you the strength and power you need to cope with the loss of your loved one. Isaiah 40:29*

Carla - September 13, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *To Glenda Case and Jessica, I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you with the peace and comfortable of the wonderful memories you of your mother and grandmother. I will keep you in prayer for the strength to accept the will of God in your life. Love you both.*

Lois Holt-Cooper - September 12, 2017 at 06:12 PM

VS

“ Miss Bernie was not just a co-worker, but also, friend, mentor, and sounding board. She was kindness itself, and willing to help anyone. Miss Bernie you will be missed. My prayers are with her family.

Vernetta (Nickey) Small - September 12, 2017 at 04:23 PM

SS

“ Bernice was a very sweet and kind coworker, with whom I was privileged to work for several years, at Tn Vital Records. She was also fiercely protective of family, friends and coworkers. May the Lord comfort the loved ones she adored, with the many precious, and beautiful memories they shared together throughout her lifetime.

Sandra Stafford - September 12, 2017 at 03:14 PM

NT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Nancy Ternes - September 11, 2017 at 01:48 PM

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Jeanie Davis - September 11, 2017 at 12:58 PM

TB

“ Many thoughts and prayers for all the family.

Terri, Mike and Holly Bartlett - September 11, 2017 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ Beautiful obituary! What a sweet lady! She will be missed but we celebrate her entrance into her Heavenly home! We love you al

Christy - September 10, 2017 at 06:56 PM

VO

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I found out too late to be at Nelson Chapel. She was such a beautiful and sweet person, and I will never forget how comforting she was to me, during my stay in Nashville, twenty-one years ago. My heart goes out to the entire family. I know that she will be deeply missed.

Vickie Reagan Overholt - September 09, 2017 at 11:59 PM

AB

“ JESS and BERNICE live beside Wallace and Me. JESS lived about 5 yrs He was a Good Man and Friend We have Missed Him. BERNICE lived next DOOR to us for 35 yrs before she MOVED. I HAVE missed her loving heart , concern for others, A Godly Woman. She Loved God. Family and her Friends. She will truly be Missed..MAY God wrap his arms around her Family and give them Comfort and Peace Now and the DAYS AHEAD. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. BERNICE I LOVE YOU SISTER And look forward to Our Reunion. ANITA and Family.

Anita Boner - September 09, 2017 at 02:27 AM

DP

“ May God comfort you in this hour of sadness. My prayers are with the family and friends.

Darla Powell - September 08, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JB

“ *Deepest sympathy goes out to the family in your loss. Bernice was my next door neighbor at Windlands as well as a co-worker at Vital Records. I'm really going to miss her. May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you now and in the days to come.*

Joyce Bush - September 08, 2017 at 04:32 PM