



## Bonnie Clarkson Byrd

December 9, 1937 - October 24, 2024

Bonnie Clarkson Byrd, age 86, of Palestine, died Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the St. Francis Hospital in Memphis. She had been in poor health for the past several years.

Mrs. Byrd was born December 9, 1937, in Missouri, and was the daughter of Fred Meadows and Ethel Arnold Meadows. Bonnie lived in St. Francis County most of her life and took solace in her Christian faith. She was graceful and poised and had many talents and strengths. She was a meticulous homemaker and multitalented artist. Bonnie won many awards for a host of her creations. She hand sewed dozens of intricate quilts. She painted portraits and landscapes, including a mural for the Pine Tree Baptist Church that has been a prominent feature above the baptistry for more than fifty years. Bonnie loved gardening and she had a green thumb for growing an array of flowers. She also spent many hours researching and had a vast record of family lineage and history. Bonnie could cook and bake delicious meals and desserts, and her homemade rolls were divine. She loved her family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.

Mrs. Byrd married Carl Clarkson, and he preceded her in death in 1978. She is survived by two sons; Doug Clarkson, and wife, Jane, of Wynne, and Allen Clarkson, and wife, Jedonne, of Palestine, seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She had one daughter, Rhonda Clarkson and one son,

Scott Clarkson, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Byrd married A.D. Byrd, and he survives her along with one step-son, David Byrd, one step-daughter, Cindy Lower, and husband, Keith, all of Rogers, Arkansas, several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Byrd will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, with burial in Barnishaw Cemetery in Pine Tree. Visitation will be Wednesday, 10:00 A.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Barnishaw

Pine Tree, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

OCT 30 (CT)

Barnishaw  
Pine Tree, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ Vallie Jo, Deb, Becky, John and families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bonnie Clarkson Byrd.



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**Vallie Jo, Deb, Becky, John and families** - October 28, 2024 at 08:50 AM

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“ Vallie Jo, Deb, Becky, John and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Clarkson Byrd.

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**Vallie Jo, Deb, Becky, John and families** - October 28, 2024 at 08:50 AM

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“ She was a sweet lady. I first met her at the bowling lanes in Wynne. She was always kind and sweet to everyone. Sorry for your lost Mr. A.D. Randy F.

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**randy fitts** - October 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM