



## Bonnie Taylor Dodson

October 13, 1950 - February 10, 2024

Bonnie Taylor Dodson, age 73, of Forrest City, Arkansas, died Saturday, February 10, 2024, after a battle with cancer.

Bonnie was born October 13, 1950, in Forrest City and was the daughter of James Ernest Taylor and Olive Cobbled Taylor Huckaba. She lived in Forrest City most of her life where she was a public health nurse and administrator for the Arkansas Department of Health for over forty years. She also worked with her husband, Tommy, on the farm and later with Carolyn for Dodson's Farms Jams and Jellies. She was very active with the St. Francis County Fair and the Shady Grove Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Bonnie married Thomas 'Tommy' Dodson Jr., and he preceded her in death in 2013. She is survived by two daughters; Carolyn Dodson-King (Spencer King) of Memphis, Tennessee, and Hallie Dodson-Swenson (Matt Swenson) of Raleigh, North Carolina, grandsons; Ethan, Colin and Liam King and Thomas and Alex Swenson, one sister, Christie Howton (Brent), one brother, Jim Taylor (Carol), one sister-in-law, Gladys Scott, one step-sister-in-law, Mary Napier (Tom), and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas (Tommy) Dodson Jr. and her parents.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Brightmore of East Memphis and the staff of Compassus Hospice for the care and kindness

given to Bonnie and our family.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, February 17, 2023, 2:00 P.M., at the Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City, with Margaret Burnett officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to be made to UAMS College of Nursing or St. Luke's United Methodist Church UCC Food Pantry in Memphis, Tennessee. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
2605 S. Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-8790

## Interment

FEB 17 (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ *rosemary allen lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson*



rosemary allen - February 21, 2024 at 03:33 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson*



Kathy Atwater - February 16, 2024 at 05:42 PM

CW

“ *Christine Watts lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson*



Christine Watts - February 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Taylor Dodson.*



February 15, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bonnie Taylor Dodson.*



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February 15, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *I came to Arkansas in 2002. St. Francis at the time, was just emerging from a tuberculosis outbreak. Bonnie, I quickly came to learn, was the champion of efforts to turn the outbreak around. She did. I visited Forrest City often over the years, she changed roles, but I know her passion for tuberculosis elimination. Farewell friend.*

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**Leonard Ntaate N Mukasa** - February 15, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson*



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**Debra Ford** - February 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM

CC

“ Bonnie and I worked together at the AR Dept of Health for 30 years. She was a nurse and I was clerical. I always admired her for being smart - I believe she could do anybody's job in the Health Unit - nurse, clerk, WIC PHI, etc.

She was a serious advocate for clerical, which I loved, and she was very vocal about it. She and I became friends as we traveled together to different health units in our region. I loved her. We kept in touch, even after we both retired.

Carolyn and Hallie I am praying for your strength and comfort. Your mom LOVED you and the grands SO much!! Prayers to the entire family. I know that your precious memories of Bonnie will bring you much comfort in the days to come. Remember that GOD LOVES YOU AND HE IS WITH YOU - ALWAYS!

Love and prayers!

Ceretha Crowder

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**Ceretha Crowder** - February 14, 2024 at 02:30 PM

BH

“ Brooke Hickman lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson



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**Brooke Hickman** - February 13, 2024 at 08:08 PM

JK

“ Jacqueline King lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Dodson



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**Jacqueline King** - February 13, 2024 at 11:27 AM

RA

“ So sorry for your loss!

Rosetta Adamson - February 12, 2024 at 08:09 PM

PH

“ Taught 2-3 years old for many years at Second Baptist. Very loving and caring lady. Also had honor of having Carolyn and Hallie in my day care for years. Love and hugs. Mama Pat

Patsy Hawkind - February 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

EP

“ I remember my beautiful cousin from when she visited us in Maine many decades ago. We all had such a wonderful time. My condolences to the family from the Cobbold Biagiotti family.

Elizabeth Penney - February 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM

BM

Thought a lot of Bonnie. Loved when she would tell me about coming to the farms to check on health of workers. She would tell me how much my dad would help her. I have a pear tree that is usually loaded. She would come pick and carefully pack. About a year ago, I came home to several delicious jars of her jellies. What a surprise!!! I later found out she was sick. That tree did not have a pear that year. Loved working with her at the fair also. Wonderful lady, that will be missed!!! Love and prayers to her family.

Butch Murray - February 14, 2024 at 01:05 AM

ML

I remember Bonnie from school prayers for the family

M Lacefield - February 14, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BF

*Bonnie was a public health nurse professional in the truest sense who strived daily to make a difference for her community. She will be greatly missed. Please know that the Dodson family and many friends are in my prayers during this difficult time. Bill Farris*

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**Bill D Farris** - February 15, 2024 at 09:45 AM