



Bonnie B. Dawson

April 16, 1931 - July 17, 2025

Bonnie Bernice Dawson, 94, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon, Illinois. She was born on April 16, 1931, in Advance, Indiana, the daughter of the late Earl and Esther (Morrison) Reese.

On March 29, 1953, Bonnie married Morris Keith “Diz” Dawson in Lebanon, Indiana. They shared a loving marriage until his passing on November 10, 2000.

A graduate of Lebanon High School, Bonnie worked as a filing clerk at the Indianapolis Federal Court before dedicating much of her time to caring for her sisters during their illnesses—an example of her lifelong devotion to family.

Bonnie was a longtime member of Central Christian Church in Lebanon and actively involved in several community organizations, including the Ladies of Elks, American Legion Post 113, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lebanon 2062. She loved cooking and was a passionate sports fan, especially when cheering for Purdue and the Colts. Above all, Bonnie will be remembered as a devoted wife, a caring mother, and a proud grandmother and great-grandmother. Her warmth, strength, and love will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennie S. (Jerry) Rudisill of Tolono, IL; grandchildren, Michael E. (Haley) Miller of Sidney, IL, and Elijah D. Miller of Schaumburg, IL, along with his fiancée, Amira Hattab; step grandsons, Jake L. Rudisill and Ted Wells; and her great-granddaughters, Layla R. and Stella J. Miller.

In addition to her parents and husband, Bonnie was preceded in death by her beloved sisters, Lenora Sharp, Deloris VanZandt, Margaret Williamson, and Alice Bell.

Funeral Services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow services at Old Union Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-1554.

Cemetery Details

Old Union Cemetery

550 South 500 West
Jamestown, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Brian and julie Swearingen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bonnie B. Dawson.*



Brian and julie Swearingen - August 08, 2025 at 03:53 PM

BS

“ *Brian and julie Swearingen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie B. Dawson.*

Brian and julie Swearingen - August 08, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bonnie B. Dawson.*



August 08, 2025 at 09:19 AM

LF

“ *Love ya! Tom & Jill and family purchased the Fier y Lily and Rose for the family of Bonnie B. Dawson.*



Love ya! Tom & Jill and family - August 07, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SA

“ *Susanne (Rex) Asato lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Dawson*



Susanne (Rex) Asato - August 07, 2025 at 11:03 AM

SA

“ *I have many fond memories of Bonnie and spending time at your house during elementary school and at Aunt Ester and Uncle Earl's home on Lebanon St. Bonnie was so good to keep me updated on extended family news prior to moving to Illinois. I was grateful for that. She was definitely the caretaker of her family, a beautiful and loving example of how we are to live showing compassion to those in need. Another fond memory was having Aunt Ester, Uncle Earl and the 5 sisters at my wedding, just seeing them all together was joy to my soul. They were always so good to my dad and aunt. May God grant His peace and blessings upon you in the days ahead as I know you will miss her immensely. 🙏❤️*

Susanne (Rex) Asato - August 07, 2025 at 11:02 AM

KW

“ *Our heartfelt condolences for you and your family. Bonnie was a wonderful woman with a beautiful soul. She will be deeply missed. We were lucky to have known her. Our hope is that all of the loving memories you shared will help in healing your hearts.*

Kelly and Jeff

Kelly Welborn - July 29, 2025 at 07:26 PM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Dawson*



sally byrd - July 26, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CK

“ *Your Mom was a special friend of my Mom, Suzanne Bramblett! My siblings and I all knew Bonnie very well. We loved her. Was a very sweet, special lady. So sorry for your loss.*

Cindy Bramblett Keyes - July 26, 2025 at 05:58 PM

VR

“ *So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. Bonnie's husband, Diz, was my second cousin. My prayers are with all of you.*



Vicki Sims Robertson - July 26, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family. I got to know her from knowing her sisters Dee and Marg. She was a very caring person and will be missed.*



J.C. Bogan - July 26, 2025 at 09:01 AM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Dawson*



sally byrd - July 25, 2025 at 09:43 PM