



Bernice Allen Strickler

September 28, 1927 - January 11, 2025

Bernice Strickler, age 97, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and devotion. A true Christian woman, Bernice dedicated her life to taking care of her family and others, embodying kindness and selflessness in all she did.

Her legacy of love continues through her children, Meschelyn Barrett (Ronnie), Melanie Strickler, and Marlan Strickler, four grandchildren, Traci Barrett, Ronnie (Alexis) Barrett, Victoria Barrett, and Hayden Strickler, five great-granddaughters, Alex Barrett, Kyndall Barrett, Cooper Barrett, Jordan Barrett, and Julianna Barrett, as well as several nieces, nephews and special friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Strickler, son Frankie Strickler, parents Arlie Allen and John B. Allen, sister Francis Brooks, brothers John B. "Diddle" Allen, Jimmy Allen, Fred Allen, and sisters in law, Mildred Hall, Sue Ball and Madge Sweeten.

A devoted member of Memorial Baptist Church, Bernice was active in her faith and in the lives of those in her church community. She cherished her Sunday School class and Widow's Group. Her life was a testament to her values, always putting her faith and family first.

Bernice particularly enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their various activities. She liked watching University of Tennessee sports, and was a lifelong fan of the Tennessee Vols and Lady Vols. She also found joy in her animals, her farm, and the garden she lovingly tended for years. Her garden was not just a source of food but also a symbol

of her care and dedication to nurturing those around her. She was an incredible cook, feeding both body and soul with her meals, which brought her family together time and time again.

Her warmth, generosity, and steadfast love will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew her. The family takes comfort in knowing that Bernice's faith has carried her home, where she is now at peace and surrounded by the love of Christ with her husband Frank and their son Frankie.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Memorial Baptist Van Fund.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Baptist Church
221 W Broadway St
Newport, TN

Burial

JAN 18 (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Funeral service

JAN 18 (ET)

Memorial Baptist Church
221 W Broadway St
Newport, TN

Tribute Wall

WC

“*Bernice always met you with a smile and "words of wisdom." She did not believe in being lazy. She would always take a moment and for some reason always knew when you were at the gate to chat. Will miss her much. Walter "Buddy", Amanda, Kaylan, and Ayla Cole.*

Walter Cole - February 07, 2025 at 08:49 AM

JM

“*Jenny Manning lit a candle in memory of Bernice Strickler*



Jenny Manning - January 20, 2025 at 07:14 AM

CM

“*We have been friends with Bernice but a short 8 years but we have loved her so much. She has been such an encouragement to us and our family and always asking about our family at all times. We will truly miss her and her witty comments. Such a blessing to have known and loved her. Your family will remain in our prayers.*

Cindy Medford - January 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

GS

“*Glenn, Jeanine, & Addison Simerly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Allen Strickler.*

Glenn, Jeanine, & Addison Simerly - January 16, 2025 at 05:21 PM

GS

“ Glenn, Jeanine, & Addison Simerly purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bernice Allen Strickler.



Glenn, Jeanine, & Addison Simerly - January 16, 2025 at 05:21 PM

AF

“ So sorry for your loss. Mom's are so special and she was just that..special. prayers for your family.

Angelia Cureton Fowler - January 16, 2025 at 01:40 PM

NO

“ Bernice was a loving special lady. She was always so kind and to Steve and I ever time we saw her. Prayers for the families.



Nancy Matthews Owens - January 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM



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January 16, 2025 at 09:49 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear this. She was one special lady and friend to our family and especially to my mom.when those two got together it was always laughter going on! May each of you feel God's loving arms around you ❤️ Jimmy and Sharon Styles

Sharon Styles - January 16, 2025 at 09:16 AM

RM

“ We are very sorry for your loss. You have our sincere sympathy. We will continue to pray for her family and friends. We are also praying for her church family.

Rob and Lisa Myers

Rob & Lisa Myers - January 15, 2025 at 09:56 PM

BF

“ Thoughts & prayers for all the family!

Brenda Fancher - January 15, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SB

“ Bernice was an extraordinary woman who showed love to everyone Her and Frank wonderful people who made me feel like family Sorry for your loss She will be missed

Sharon Brady - January 15, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DS

“ To my family back home we send you lots of love and hugs, I am so grateful to have been with Ms. Bernice in Sept. and I got to tell her I loved her , you will be missed but never forgotten.. What a lovely woman you were, strong, independent and funny and such a wonderful person.

Debra Sands - January 14, 2025 at 11:05 PM

KY

“ Karen Yates lit a candle in memory of Bernice Strickler



Karen Yates - January 14, 2025 at 08:18 PM

WA

“ Prayers and hugs for all of you. I will always remember her coming to all the ballgames to watch us girls.

Wendy Atkins - January 14, 2025 at 06:03 PM

KW

“ Bernice was an amazing friend and what a remarkable life she had. I feel so lucky to have known her. Prayers for you all.

Kim Williams - January 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AD

“ Bernice will forever remain in our hearts and memories....Anna Dean

Anna Dean - January 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM

TS

“ Thinking of all of you during this time!
Tommy & Karen Smith

Tommy Smith - January 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM

FV

“ To the family of Bernice Strickler, I was so sorry to hear of Bernice’s passing. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. I’m praying for the family that God will comfort you and give you peace. Faye Valentine

Faye Valentine - January 14, 2025 at 01:33 PM

DF

“ Melanie I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers for you always

Denise Fox - January 14, 2025 at 12:44 PM

RR

“ Bernice was a kind and loving lady always checking on me and making sure I had food from her garden I will miss seeing her and talking to her

Rosemary Raines - January 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ We loved this sweet lady and she loved all fiercely! It was a privilege to know her! We are praying for her family! I know she was ready to go and I know she will be missed by so many!

Jennifer Smith - January 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JK

“ I will always remember Bernice as the lovely friend who got me back in church after my husband passed in 2016. She was in grief support meetings with me and grieving herself was such a help to me. She invited me to her church and SS group of which I am so grateful. Bless you Bernice and may you rest in the arms of Jesus with no more suffering and pain until we meet again some day soon! Love you my friend and may God comfort your family with grace and peace!

Joan Kropff - January 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DJ

“ Bernice was such a beautiful soul, with a heart of Gold.. she loved to work in her garden, and shared with everyone.. she was by far the best neighbor anyone could have.. she will be missed tremendously



David & Rhonda Jenkins - January 14, 2025 at 09:53 AM

TL

“ My deep sympathies to you all. Bernice and Frank were fine people and have been like extended family to me since my high school years. Bernice was a force and always kept me on my toes. Her humor was warm and her laugh warming. You will be missed dear woman. My heart goes out to Michelin, Marlon and my dear friend Melanie and godson Hayden.

Todd Layman - January 14, 2025 at 08:57 AM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss, Prayers

Tracy Williams - January 14, 2025 at 03:26 AM

TL

“ Oh I'm am so sorry to hear about Bernice ; she was one tough lady. She always called and checked on my mother which meant a lot to me . She was such a sweet lady and I sure will miss talking to her myself . My thoughts and prayers are with you all .

Tura Lawson - January 13, 2025 at 10:50 PM

LG

“ Prayers for the family. My mother and Bernice were high school classmates and longtime friends.

Linda Britton, Georgia - January 13, 2025 at 10:43 PM

MA

“ Mike and Miranda Allen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernice Allen Strickler.



Mike and Miranda Allen - January 13, 2025 at 10:27 PM

RF

“ Sorry for your loss. My prayers are lifted up for each of you...

Ray Fancher - January 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 13, 2025 at 06:34 PM

LD

“ *Sending Sincere Sympathy to all the family and loved ones. You all remain in our thoughts and prayers.*

Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*



Linda Dawson - January 13, 2025 at 05:58 PM

SO

“ *Oh my heavens! I just saw where Bernice passed away. What a wonderful friend she has been with our family as far as I can remember. I know your hearts are broken. I'm so so sorry. Bernice and my Aunt Pearl Gray were such good friends. She would come to see Pearl when she was home bound for years. What a precious lady. Bernice will sure be missed. God be with this family and give them comfort and peace in the days ahead. I love you all. Rest in peace my friend. 💔*



Susie O'Dell - January 13, 2025 at 03:51 PM

JA

“ *So sorry for your loss.. each of you will be in our thoughts and prayers*

Bea Brooks & Family

jan - January 13, 2025 at 02:38 PM