



Ms. Bon Nell Bentley

November 8, 1922 - December 10, 2020

Bon Nell Bentley of Plumerville, age 98, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 10, 2020. She was born in Russellville on November 8, 1922, the youngest of five siblings. She grew up in Morrilton, where their father was a butcher, and she finished high school there in 1941, the year their father died. Their mother had died several years earlier. She then went to live with her sister, Margaret Ellis and she became part of her family. During the beginning of World War II, she moved to Memphis and worked in a defense plant as a riveter. She later joined the US Navy and became a member of the WAVES, a division of the Navy that consisted entirely of women. "I believe in my country and I would fight for my flag" she said of her WWII service. After her discharge in Hawaii, she enrolled in nursing school on the G.I. Bill and received her Registered Nurse Degree. She then joined the US Army in April, 1951 and was eventually approved for training as a nurse anesthetist. She was discharged in June, 1957 and went on to spend thirty years working for the Veteran's Administration in Little Rock and Jackson, Mississippi. Following her VA career, she worked as a nurse anesthetist at the Morrilton Hospital. For a number of years, she drove regularly to Conway for a weekly women's Bible Study Fellowship and to services at Woodland Heights Baptist Church. She made her home in a trailer, on a hill in Plumerville and, with the help of friends, she insisted that everything was immaculately maintained!!

Bon Nell was preceded in death by her mother and father, Lalla and George

Ellis Bentley; sister, Margaret Ellis (Herman); brothers, Robert Bentley (Lela) and Russell Bentley (Beenie).

Survivors include her brother, Gordon Earl Bentley; niece Lyn Willis (Mike); nephews, George Ellis Bentley, Ray Ellis (Jeannene), Herman Ellis (Betty), and Rob Bentley and special friend, Bonnie Hawthorne. She also leaves her loyal and beloved caregiver, Dana Cockrum and her family; and Callie Adams. Other special people in her life include, Toney and Markita Canady, Karen Black, Kathleen Smith, Hugh and Wrenetta Austin, and a host of other family and friends.

A graveside service will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Bon Nell Bentley*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I have missed having Bon Nell in our Sunday School Class these past few years. She was fun to visit with. She always remembered my birthday up until the last year. I remembered hers on November 8th each year. Bon Nell you will be missed for you love of life and your wit. Miss you friend.*
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Ceceilia Norman - December 13, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ *What an intelligent woman ! I first met Bon Nell working at the Morrilton hospital in the OB department. She was one of the best nurse anesthetist I've ever worked with. I always felt more at ease in the delivery room when she was present ! I sure missed working with her when she retired. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family. Sincerely , Jeanie Hartman*

Jeanie Hartman - December 11, 2020 at 02:32 PM



I also worked with her a very good nurse

Anne Renard - December 11, 2020 at 07:27 PM



What an amazing life....I was surely at BSF with Ms. Bentley. May she Rest In Peace. Nancy Moix

nancy moix - December 12, 2020 at 09:21 AM

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My mother, Bonny Dawn Meyer met Bon Nell in nursing training in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bon Nell was older than my mother and always watched over her during nurse's training. We appreciated Bon Nell's service in the military during WWII and her friendship over the years. What a lady and strong believer in our Lord Jesus Christ! God bless you, Bon Nell. No doubt you and my mother are having great conversations in heaven! We love you Bon Nell!

Denee Parker - January 26, 2021 at 08:01 PM