



Gloria "Dean" Bickford

April 23, 1943 - November 10, 2016

Gloria "Dean" Atkinson Bickford, 73, of Danville, VA, died from the results of a Stroke on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bickford was born on April 23, 1943, a daughter of the late Clarence Scruggs Atkinson and Janie Moore Atkinson. Mrs. Bickford was an active member of the Brush Arbor Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and Children's Church for many years. She influenced many lives over the years caring for children in her home. She was a talented photographer, winning awards for her nature and wildlife photography, and was published in the Danville Register Bee on a regular basis. She was an active member of the Degree of Pocahontas Wynette Council # 22 and the Westover Book Club.

On August 4, 1961, she married, Eugene Darryl Bickford, who survives of the residence.

Survivors also include three children, Eugene Darryl Bickford, Jr. (Gwendolyn), Tracie B. Potojecki (Kevin), and Kelly B. Cheung (Brian Hadley); two brothers, Raymond Atkinson and Randy Atkinson; a sister, Joyce Hedgecock; and four grandchildren, Zachary Michael Potojecki, Andrew Dean Potojecki, Amanda Grace Cheung, and Jeri Elizabeth Cheung.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Beatrice Atkinson, Helen Searce, Kitty Adams, Barbara Underwood, Rosky Atkinson, Edgar Atkinson, Alfred Atkinson, and Calvin Atkinson.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel conducted by the Rev. Butch Robinson. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations to a local charity of your choice.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Bickford family.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
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Tribute Wall

DI

“ I just put up my Christmas tree this weekend and I had a special ornament that Dean gave to me. I will always treasure it and her friendship and all that I learned from her when we taught Sunday school together.

Diane - November 28, 2016 at 04:12 AM

RC

“ Robyn Cheung lit a candle in memory of Gloria "Dean" Bickford



Robyn Cheung - November 14, 2016 at 09:00 AM

RC

“ While I did not know Dean well, I knew she was the glue that held her family together. She will be sorely missed. The Cheung family sends their heartfelt condolences. The Bickford family is in our thought and prayers. Please know that in time your memories of Dean will bring you comfort and a smile.

Robyn Cheung

Robyn Cheung - November 14, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - November 12, 2016 at 08:57 AM

SR

“ So sorry to hear the of your loss. Miss Dean was always a very special lady to me I loved her like a mother.. Her friendship with my parents was a blessing to use all..I was very blessed that I was able to have her care for my child when I started work, she was much more than just a babysitter, she touched our lives in many more ways!!! Dean will be missed by so many!!!!
Sending my thoughts & prayers to this loving family!!
Susan Ritch Riggins



Susan Ritch Riggins - November 12, 2016 at 08:10 AM

BH

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dean was a special friend to me and my family many years ago. My three girls were blessed to have her care for them. They have many special memories of Dean and her loving care. I will pray for all the family during this difficult time.

Love to you all

Bonnie Hillard (Lori, Amy, and Joy)

Bonnie Hillard - November 11, 2016 at 03:47 PM

RB

“ Rosemary T. Bennett lit a candle in memory of Gloria "Dean" Bickford



Rosemary T. Bennett - November 11, 2016 at 01:11 PM

RB

Tracie, My deepest sympathy for you and your family. Your mother sounds like an amazing woman.

Rosemary T. Bennett - November 11, 2016 at 01:12 PM

RA

*Dear Darryl & family,
Half of my heart is sad hearing of aunt Dean's passing, the other half of my heart is joyful with my faith that, she met Jesus as she was welcomed into heaven. My mom used to say, it's all written in the book. I have the believe that she would not want us to be sad but, look at her life and remember all the good that she did for others throughout her life. Last I saw aunt Dean was at another sad event Lisa's funeral. She was full of life and we spoke for a good long bit and at the end she gave me a kiss, so I have a happy memory of our time together last year. Sandy and I cannot attend the funeral due, to grandchildren plans that were made months ago. I struggle with that but, it cannot be changed whereas, we are needed in that role. Praying that the Bickford family to stay strong and support one another through the tremendous loss of such a wonderful woman. When at church this coming Sunday with our grandson, I will pray to the Lord to send the comforter the "Holy Spirit" to provide the inner peace that is needed.
Sent with much love, Ray & Sandy Atkinson and also, my dad Raymond S Atkinson*

Ray Atkinson - November 11, 2016 at 10:08 PM

KB

“*Dear Tracie,
On behalf of the staff from Center for Pediatric Therapies, we extend our deepest sympathies for the loss of your beloved mother.*

Kristen Barker - November 11, 2016 at 12:23 PM

TH

“*Tracie, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficulty time. Diana, Tammy, Billie Jo*

TheraSport - November 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM

MK

“ Tracy,

Sincere condolences at this difficulty time to you and your family for the passing of your mother. You and your family our in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Klunk

MARK KLUNK - November 11, 2016 at 10:25 AM

BW

“ Dearest Tracy and family,
Tracy...I cannot tell you how sorry I am about the loss of your mom. I know how close you were. I pray
The LORD

*will sustain you and your memories and the love you hold in your heart will help you in the days, weeks and months ahead. God Bless you during this sad time.
Love.*



billie Wyatt - November 11, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gloria "Dean" Bickford.



November 10, 2016 at 05:22 PM