



Bonnie Fay Peppers

September 15, 1931 - August 21, 2018

Bonnie Fay Peppers 1931 - 2018 Bonnie Fay Peppers passed away peacefully on August 21st at her home on Partrick Road, where she has lived for the last 54 years. She was surrounded by family members and care givers who made her last somewhat difficult years as comfortable as possible. Bonnie Fay was born on the 15th day of September 1931 at the St Helena Sanitarium. She was the first child of Alfreda Evelyn Nelson and James Delbert Patton. She would have a little brother, James Jr, born four years later. In her early years, she lived on Big Ranch Road; however, by the time she was in elementary school, the family had moved into town to a house on Lee Avenue, where they would live until she got married after she graduated from high school. She attended Lincoln Elementary School, Napa Intermediate School and Napa High School, graduating with the class of 1950. During her school years, she became an avid reader, which would lead to her lifelong relationship with books and libraries and whatever other media she eventually incorporated into a lifetime of learning and exploring. On the 17th day of February 1951 she married her next door neighbor, Wilburn Peppers, following the death of his wife, Vera. In becoming the new Mrs Peppers, she also became the stepmother of Wilburns eleven year old daughter, Patsy. Happily, daughter Patsy, and now mother, Bonnie, had a warm and loving relationship a bit more like sisters, than parent and child. The Peppers soon began having children of their own. Two boys, Larry and Mike, born in 1951 and 1952, and two daughters, Shelly and Lori, born in 1954 and 1956. This required a move to a larger house on F Street before moving on to Partrick Road in 1964. During the many years on Partrick Road, Bonnie Fay would become the consummate ranch wife. She could cook, garden and cut and stack wood and do all the other things that life in the country required with the best of them. At the same time, she spent considerable time supporting Wilburn in his growing bus business. When they sold the bus business and retired in 1985, this opened the door for the Peppers to do one of their favored things - travel. They went on numerous cruises, as well as countless driving and flying trips around the country and around the world. Bonnie loved to explore her family through the avenue of genealogy. Grave yards and cemeteries were always high on their agenda in all of their trips. Mr and Mrs Peppers were exceptionally active in Napa Grange No 307, where they both held offices, including Wilburns several years as the organizations president. Bonnie

Fay would help run the kitchen and make all go smoothly. She was also a member of the Masonic Order of the Eastern Star. By 2000, Bonnie was becoming concerned about some issues that had crept into her life, like forgetting things and occasionally forgetting where she was going when she was out in the car. In response, she did what she had always done - began studying what was happening to her with an eye toward fighting the problems and not letting them get the best of her. Certainly, she gave it her best shot; nevertheless, by 2005, she was diagnosed with Alzheimers disease. With the considerable involvement of her family and care givers, Bonnie was able to live with her Alzheimers and still remain on the ranch in the middle of the surroundings she loved until she passed on August 21st. Bonnie is survived by her five children; Patsy Miller, Larry Peppers, Mike Peppers, Shelly Pecotte (Tom), and Lori Swain (Mark), along with 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. A celebration of Bonnie Fays beautiful life is planned for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 13 in Napa. Please contact Mark or Lori Swain for more information (hpswain@sbcglobal.net). The Family would like to thank Collabria for their wonderful day program and end of life care. If so moved, donate to your favorite charity and keep positive thoughts for love to conquer all.

Tribute Wall



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Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 05, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Bonnie Fay Peppers*

November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Bonnie's passing. May she rest in peace. Please know that your family will always hold a very special place in our hearts.*

September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *In Peace may she rest your mom. Sorry for your loss. Family: Many, many moons ago my mom Angelina Carrillo worked as a housekeeper for your mom. I was privileged to accompany her when not in school. So, I learned how to swim and ride horses taught by Mike, Larry n Shelly. You may not remember but I certainly do. Thank you for blessin me so. PS..my dad also worked for your dad, Rafael Carrillo.*

September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Peppers Family, I am so sorry to read of your Mother's passing. May she rest in peace.*

September 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family, my mother and her husband, Ruth and Al Hopkins, were dear friends (and Al was related to Alfreda) of Bonnie Fay's; we've been to many a family gathering with you. Lori and Mark, I fondly remember sharing time with you; you've been such wonderful caregivers over the years. May Bonnie now be at peace, a place of no confusion nor concern, and may her loving spirit live on forever.

August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Bonnie were not only wonderful friends and Grangers, they were willing and able to lend anyone a hand. Brings back a memory of Bonnie and Sarah Swanson going to someplace in the San Joaquin Valley with me, when I received my Fifth Degree in Grange. I am grateful for having been able to know them both. Napa is a better place because of Bonnie and Bill.

August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM