



## Bonnie Atkinson Ray

June 24, 1947 - March 20, 2020

Bonnie A. Ray, 72, passed away on March 20, 2020 at NHC Healthcare in Murrells Inlet, SC with her family by her side.

Bonnie was born in Mullins, SC to the late Nell and Hugh Atkinson. She is survived by her daughter Shea Marcinak and husband Chad of Awendaw, SC, a son Kip Ray of North Myrtle Beach, significant other Jimmy Henderson of North Myrtle Beach, a brother Kenny Atkinson (Robee) of Mullins, and two grandchildren, Tanner and Daisy Marcinak.

At a young age, Bonnie participated in beauty pageants which led her to the Miss SC Pageant in 1965. Since her passion was helping others, she became a registered nurse. She married Ronald Ray of Tabor City, NC, had two children and lived in Florence, SC for over twenty years. They were members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Bonnie later moved to Little River, SC and continued her career as a RN and retired after forty years. She enjoyed the beach, our SC state dance, The Shag, and listening to beach music.

Bonnie was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother who never met a stranger. Her infectious smile will never be forgotten.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful nurses and caretakers of Crescent Hospice and NHC Healthcare of Garden City who took care of Bonnie and her family during her illness.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association

Donations can be made online at: <https://www.lbda.org/donate>

Or

Checks can be mailed to:

LBDA

912 Killian Hill Road, SW

Suite 205

Lilburn, GA 30047

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie Atkinson Ray.*



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June 16, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Shea, Kip and Family,*

*We will always remember our times together in Florence when all you children were younger. Bonnie was a wonderful nurse and this picture is just the way I remember her.  
May God comfort you in your loss as only he can.*

*Sherri Hickman Gore & Family  
Jonathan, Rachel and Leah Hickman*

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**Sherri Gore** - March 31, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of Ms. Bonnie's passing. She was a lovely lady who always had a loving family member with her when we would visit our Mother, they shared a room at NHC.  
Our sincere condolences.  
Kathryn Parrish & her girls.*

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**Mary Mercer** - March 26, 2020 at 02:17 PM

AH

“ Jerry and I met Bonnie and Ronald many years ago at Calvary Baptist Church, here in Florence. We enjoyed being in a dynamic Sunday school class, taught by Doris Dickinson. That class was the young married couples' class, who were starting families and becoming actively involved in different ministries of the church. She was quite a beautiful person. We are thinking of you children and grandchildren and pray that God's grace is sufficient. Sincerely,  
Jerry and Anita Hayes

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**Anita Hayes** - March 26, 2020 at 01:20 PM

SA

“ As part of the "Dixon Street Family", Bonnie was my "beauty idol". I was the recipient of all her hand me down pageant gowns so my friends and I could play "dress up". Older than Kenny & me - when she started dating, he & I would hide in the shrubbery under the living room window to spy on her & her dates! She drove us up & down Park street so we could "bounce" over any little hills & dips in the road. She was always patient & kind despite our childish shenanigans that were usually designed to irritate her. So many childhood memories I could share! Prayers & sympathy to Kenny & his family & Shea & Kip and their loved ones.

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**Susan Anderson** - March 26, 2020 at 06:02 AM

DB

“ Although I was from Mullins, I connected with Bonnie when we went to Calvary Baptist Church. We often sat together and shared the Wednesday night meal. She was a beautiful soul and a gift to this world for the time she had. Gone too soon.

*Debbie Barrett*

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**debbie barrett** - March 25, 2020 at 09:44 PM

DE

“ Kenny and the Ray family,very sorry to read of Bonnie's death. I remember her from Mullins High as very sweet and pretty girl. Bonnie and Kenny's Grandmother-Lizzie Atkinson Odom- was also my Step Grandmother. Thoughts and memories from long ago and prayers to all at this time. David Elliott,St Matthews,S.C.

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**David Elliott** - March 25, 2020 at 03:21 PM

 Martin Thomas

“ Bonnie was a neighbor in Mullins from childhood until us leaving for college. She was always friendly and the whole "Dixon Street" gang played together. Bonnie later was always a hit due to her kindness and beauty. She was a year or so older but we were always friends. Later in life, we ran into each other in Florence often and would always talk about Mullins and our childhood. I am certain she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. All my memories of Bonnie are very pleasant.



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**Martin Thomas** - March 25, 2020 at 08:04 AM

JH

“ Shea and Kip I am so sorry for your loss. I truly have very fond memories of Bonnie when we were sister-in-laws.

*Judy Sellers Herring*

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**judy s herring** - March 24, 2020 at 09:44 AM

DP

“ *A beautiful women who will not be forgotten. So very sorry Shea, Chad, Tanner, Daisy, Kip and Jimmy. You will all be in our prayers.*

*Danielle, Thomas & Emma Pope*

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**Danielle Pope** - March 24, 2020 at 09:28 AM