



Bonnie May Runions

September 4, 1953 - January 19, 2025

Bonnie May Runions, 71, of Hohenwald, TN, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on September 4, 1953, in Clinchco, VA, to the late John and Bertha Puckett. Bonnie grew up as a coal miner's daughter, a fact she was always proud of, and carried that same hardworking spirit throughout her life.

On May 22, 1976, just one day after Dan's discharge from the Marines, Bonnie married Dan Runions, marking the start of a nearly 50-year journey filled with love and partnership. Bonnie was truly Dan's right hand. Whether it was helping to change tractor oil, building, and staining cabinets, or mowing the yard and trimming around trees, she was always by his side. She devoted herself fully to her family, always putting their needs first and ensuring their home was full of love and care.

Bonnie had a passion for cooking, a skill she shared with many throughout her life. She worked as a cook in the school system and later as a hospital cook before retiring. Her meals comforted many, and her talent in the kitchen was a source of pride.

Her love story with Dan began when he was serving in the Marines. One day, Dan and a friend skipped PT and went to the PX in Quantico, VA, where Bonnie was working. She sold him a watch, but he walked away with more

than that—he found the love of his life.

Bonnie's devotion to her family was unmatched. Even while sick and hospitalized, her concern was always for Dan and her family. She insisted on getting up to make sure breakfast was ready for her husband, often saying, "I have to get up and help him—that's what I'm supposed to do." Her selflessness and love for her family were evident in everything she did.

Bonnie and Dan were members of the Springer Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son Wesley R. Runions, 7 siblings Gay Moats, Freddie (Betty) Puckett, Walter Gray (Annabelle) Puckett, Glenda Gaby, Sally (Edmond) Stanley, Lois Ludowici and Baby Girl Puckett, nephew Johnny Stanley and niece Erin Ruth Breedlove. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 48 years Dan Runions, daughter Julie (Runions) Hensley, siblings Roger & Diane Puckett, Johnnie Belinda & Clinton Thompson, Peggy & Charles Brooks, Joseph Puckett, Arlene Puckett, special friends Georgie Gus, Becky & Dean Woods, Pamela Puckett and Pat Griffith, granddaughter Hannah Hensley with boyfriend Jarrod Hinson, Jacob Hensley with girlfriend Samantha Hobbs, Andrew Runions with girlfriend Caleigh Smith and Daisy Runions with boyfriend Cale Staggs, 2 great-grandchildren Greyson Capps and Wesley Staggs and the star of the family her beloved "Moose" the Yorkie puppy.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 24 beginning at 11:00 AM in the Springer Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Runions family.

Cemetery Details

Springer Cemetery

Summertown Highway

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Springer Cemetery
Summertown Highway

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I remember working with Bonnie as well; she was a delight to be around; good worker; made me laugh. She will be missed.



Darla - February 06, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MA

“ I worked with Bonnie, she was the most caring person in hard-working person I've known, and she loved her family because she talked about them. My deepest sympathy goes out to all your family.



MaelynnCampbell - January 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM

TO

“ Tracy Woods Oquinn lit a candle in memory of Bonnie May Runions



Tracy Woods Oquinn - January 22, 2025 at 08:55 PM

CS

“ Craig Miezejeski Sr lit a candle in memory of Bonnie May Runions



Craig Miezejeski Sr - January 22, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CS

“ Craig Mizejeski Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonnie May Runions



Craig Mizejeski Sr - January 22, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Bonnie May Runions



Ronald Gammons - January 22, 2025 at 01:42 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonnie May Runions



Michael Bates - January 21, 2025 at 08:09 PM

RG

I am a first cousin of Bonnie's mother. I remember spending time with her family as we grew up. Our parents were the best of friends. I was the same age as Sally. I am sorry I never knew Bonnie. Reba Phillip Griffith

Reba Griffith - February 14, 2025 at 07:02 AM

MK

I am a cousin of Bonnie. My mother kept Bonnie for a short time while her Mother (Aunt Bert) was sick. Bonnie was still in her crib just a small baby but had such beautiful curly hair! I was very young but remember when her parents came to pick her, I was surprised. I thought she was to be our baby

Mary Kiser - February 17, 2025 at 10:37 AM