



## Orlean Ophelia Bauman

January 31, 1949 - January 7, 2024

Early Sunday January 7, 2024 Orlean Bauman ended her physical battle with cancer and entered into eternity. Orlean grew up in Clarksville, Tennessee enjoying a close relationship with her grandparents and extended family. She enjoyed many close friendships. Many of these loving relationships endured her entire lifetime — nurturing her even in her final hours.

She excelled in school, attended college at Austin Peay University and enjoyed traveling. She first married her high school sweetheart, Ron Gibson. They bought land and began their life together in Hickman County. Ron later died from exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam, leaving Orlean a young widow. She carried on with her life despite the loss and a few years later she met Bill Bauman.

Rick Wilson, a high school friend of Orlean and Ron invited her to Hawaii to vacation. Bill was his roommate. Orlean went to the beach with Bill one day and the rest, as they say, is history. Bill came for a visit to Tennessee— and never went back to Hawaii. When asked how he left paradise he blamed Orlean's incredible homemade bread for his decision. They enjoyed 36 happy years together. Their daughter, Jessica, treasures the memories of her parents relationship— especially the laughter. In the summer of 2023, Orlean and Jessica took Bill's ashes home to Hawaii. They celebrated his life in the places he loved together with old friends.

“Mrs. Bauman’s” legacy extends well beyond the walls of her home and into her community. Generations of students will remember her encouragement and her discipline. She remained a steadfast support to her fellow teachers and beloved sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma. After a very brief retirement she also found meaningful work with Women Are Safe. Her greatest work was undoubtedly as Grandmother— “Amma,” as she was called by her granddaughters. Time at home simply reading books, and baking cookies took on a deeper level of joy with Kailea and Lani. “The girls” infused her life with sweetness and meaning. She fought to stay with them as long as she could. Her family is devastated by the loss of their matriarch.

Orlean’s final wishes were that her cremated remains be scattered with Ronnie’s, atop a hillside near her home, and with Bill’s in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu.

Visitation will be Monday, January 22, from 3-8pm at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, Tennessee. Her memorial service will be held the following day, January 23rd at Trinity Episcopal Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. Attendees are welcome to arrive for early visitation at 1pm with the service starting at 2pm. A light reception will follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Visitation

JAN 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
317 Franklin Street  
Clarksville, TN 37040

## Memorial Service

JAN 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
317 Franklin Street  
Clarksville, TN 37040

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ I worked with Orlean 30 years ago at HCHS. Although our paths have not crossed in recent years, I still remember her kindness and she had a smile that lit up the room when she entered. She was an inspiration to all. I know you miss her already.

Pam Hinson - January 22, 2024 at 09:28 AM

JL

“ Orlean was an inspiration for so many students, and such an asset to our school system.

Jean Lovlace - January 22, 2024 at 06:21 AM

JJ

“ Mrs. Bauman, or Saint Orlean, as the HCHS class referred to her was an inspiration to us. We looked forward to our time in her English class, mostly because it was our time with her!

Jonathan & Kim Jenkins - January 19, 2024 at 12:10 PM

AG

“ Mrs. Bauman was a wonderful teacher.

Amy Gossett - January 19, 2024 at 11:29 AM

CE

“ Celena lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman



Celena - January 19, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ Remembering those years of working together to instill the love of learning in the lives of our students. May the Father give you rest and peace with loved ones who have gone before you. GCG

Charles & Genda C. Gilmer - January 19, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Charles & Genda C. Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman



Charles & Genda C. Gilmer - January 19, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Beverly Smith - January 19, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Marilyn Gilliam - January 18, 2024 at 10:13 PM

BC

“ *Bill Teressa Clarke lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman*



Bill and Teressa Clarke - January 18, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman*



Sandi Westover - January 17, 2024 at 11:20 AM

AK

“ *Mrs. Bauman was one of my favorite teachers.*



Amber Kelley - January 16, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DL

“ *Donna Lance lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman*



Donna Lance - January 16, 2024 at 03:18 PM

AP

“ Amanda Pritchett/DKG lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Amanda Pritchett/DKG - January 12, 2024 at 08:19 PM

DJ

“ Debbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Debbie Gray Jones - January 12, 2024 at 04:35 PM

DA

“ Dyanne Arnold lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Dyanne Arnold - January 11, 2024 at 11:27 PM

PH

“ Prayers for the family, she was an amazing teacher and I loved her. She saved me in 6th grade for sure and I will never forget that.



PAULA HAY - January 11, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JE

“ I worked with her at Hickman Middle School when I first began teaching. We did two plays together with our students and had so much fun. She was a joy. God bless her family.

jackie brock elston - January 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Lynn Robertson lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman



Lynn Robertson - January 11, 2024 at 08:50 AM

CE

“ With fondest memories and appreciation of Orlean.

*A wonderful spirit, so very committed to helping others, a true and caring educator, and such an encourager to others.*

*Orlean was so supportive of all of the students when Centerville Elementary used the HCHS Auditorium. She made a point to visit and tell them, as well as written encouragement.*

*A blessing to all who knew her!  
Sincere sympathy to her family,  
Johnnie Ruth Elrod*



Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod - January 11, 2024 at 12:21 AM

BM

“ Bobby/Sandy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - January 10, 2024 at 09:15 PM

CM

“ A great friend and mentor. May she rest in peace and may her memories always be a blessing to those who loved her!



Carolyn Moss - January 10, 2024 at 08:47 PM

MS

“ Melody Skelton lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman



Melody Skelton - January 10, 2024 at 07:38 PM

CM

“ A true friend and mentor. May she rest in peace and may her memories always be a blessing to those who loved her!



Carolyn Moss - January 10, 2024 at 06:23 PM

CJ

“ *Cecelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Orlean Bauman*



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**Cecelia H Johnson** - January 10, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RC

“ *Rachel Cloninger sent a virtual gift in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman*



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**Rachel Cloninger** - January 10, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SB

“ *Mrs Bauman you were one of my favorite teachers in high school. I am praying for your daughter and granddaughters. RIP*



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**Shawna Bowman** - January 10, 2024 at 01:29 PM

ER

“ *You were one of my favorite teachers at HCHS. I am saddened to hear of your passing and praying for your family and friends.*  
*-Emily Weatherspoon Rolon*



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**Emily Rolon** - January 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM

RH

“ *Ms. Orlean you will be greatly missed. Your smile was so beautiful. DKG lost an amazing key female educator.*

Regina S Henry - January 10, 2024 at 12:09 PM

RH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Regina S Henry - January 10, 2024 at 12:08 PM

FF

*I certainly always enjoyed her smile , and sweet face. We went to church together in Dickson many years ago.*

Fern Fisher - January 12, 2024 at 04:19 AM

MB

“ *Michael BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman*



Michael BATES - January 10, 2024 at 11:23 AM

MT

“ I will miss her smile and energy she brought to all her DKG Sisters. 🌹



Marsha Carr Talley - January 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Sherrie Collins lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman



Sherrie Collins - January 10, 2024 at 10:05 AM

DD

“ Orlean, a true friend and DKG sister. I have the memories we made over the years of friendship. Beside DKG events, I cherish sitting on your porch while you shared the flowing creek, flowers and your love of your fur children (cats). Thank you Orlean.

Dee Dee - January 10, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ A true friend and sister in DKG. Always willing to support me and others. I will cherish the times together, especially sitting on her porch watching the water in the creek pass by, flowers and petting her fur children. Thank you Orlean.

Dee Dee Rives

Dee Dee Rives - January 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM

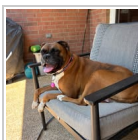
AL

“ *Ashleigh Love lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman*



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**Ashleigh Love** - January 10, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ *Orlean always had a smile, laughed, and told the best stories. She was a shining star in DKG and will be greatly missed.*  
*Linda Eller*

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**Linda Eller** - January 09, 2024 at 09:18 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman*



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**Stanley & Judy Gordon** - January 09, 2024 at 07:40 PM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Orlean Ophelia Bauman*



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**Roy & Sharon McCoy** - January 09, 2024 at 07:34 PM