



Bonita Bonnie Carlson- Diepholz

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Bonita (Bonnie) Carlson Diepholz, a long-time resident of Highland, CA, passed away on December 29, 2017, from a re-occurrence of breast cancer. Bonnie was born on June 25, 1931, in Wall Lake, IA, to Edward and Ella Albrecht. She was the youngest of seven children. Bonnie was raised in and around Wall Lake, attended Drake University for a time, and then received her teaching credential from the University of Iowa. After teaching for a short time in Iowa, she married her first husband, Eldon Carlson of Alta, IA. Three days after they were married, Bonnie and Eldon moved to San Bernardino, CA, where Bonnie resumed her career as a teacher. She left teaching for a number of years to raise her 4 sons, but she never lost her love for education. Once her sons were settled in school, she returned to college at the newly opened Cal State San Bernardino, and earned a bachelor's degree in 1974. At that point she resumed her teaching career, and taught various grades at West Randall Elementary School in Fontana, CA, until she retired. Her devotion to molding young minds made her a respected and admired educator. She was a life-long Lutheran who loved to sing, whether it be in the choir, or simply singing the birthday song to her family on their birthdays. Her family agrees that birthdays will never be the same without hearing her sing. Although she loved life in general, she was always happiest when surrounded by her family. This was particularly so during her favorite time of the year, the Holidays, which she always wished would last longer. She is preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers, Loren and Dale Albrecht; two sisters, Gloria Thompson and Norma Somers; her husband, Eldon Carlson; and a stepson, Daniel Diepholz. She is survived by her husband, Gene Diepholz; her four sons, Stuart (Martha), Mike (Adele), Brent (Patti), and Kurt (Melissa); her stepchildren Dexter (Cathy), David (Carla), Deborah (Pete) and Doug (Katie); two sisters, Mavis Suckow of Des Moines, IA, and Joyce Wilkin of Lake View, IA; and over 30 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her love, compassion,



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generosity and enthusiasm towards life will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Lutheran Church of our Savior, San Bernardino, CA The family requests donations to the American Cancer Society, the Lutheran Church of our Savior, or a favorite charity, in lieu of flowers. To leave a condolence on Bonnie's Memorial Page, please visit www.bobbitchapel.com.




Events


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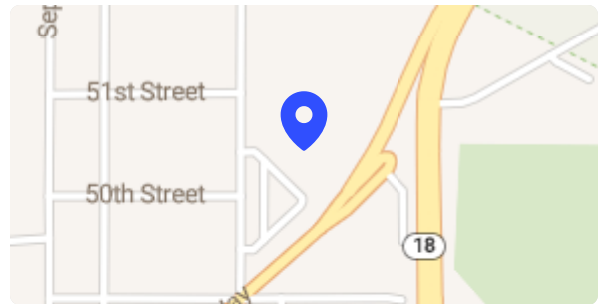
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Service


 **Thursday**, January 11, 2018


 11:00 AM PT

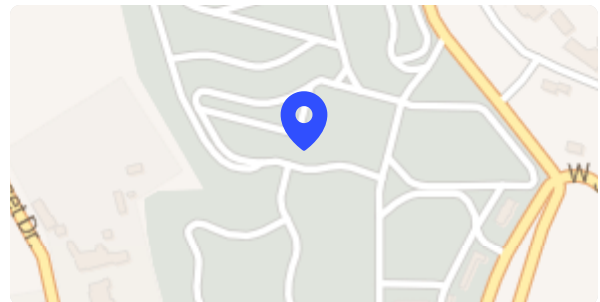
 **Lutheran Church of Our Savior**
5050 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino CA 92404



Cemetery Details

 **Hillside Memorial Park**
1540 Alessandro Rd, Redlands CA 92373

 **(909) 798 7569**





Tribute Wall

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RG

Rich & Helen Gilbert posted:

We have known Bonnie from walking with her in the mornings. She was always cheerful and joking. It's not the same now without her morning walks. She is already being missed. Rich & Helen Gilbert

January 12 at 4:46 AM

HN

Heidi Nimmo posted:

Bonnie and Eldon moved into their Palm Crest Drive home at the same time as my family back in 1985. I knew Bonnie and Eldon and later Gene as superb neighbors. Bonnie was one of several neighborhood walkers. She would greet me as I walked each morning with a cheery hello. She watched my kids grow from babies to young adults and regularly inquired about them after they moved away from home. Everyday was precious and beautiful to Bonnie. Seeing her was always a delight. The neighborhood walking gang of Leo, Elias, Rich, Kim, Beth, Dave, Ron and me send their deepest condolences to Bonnie's dear family. She is missed, but ever remembered well for her optimism, kindness and loving spirit. Heidi Nimmo and Jeff Spears, Neil and Sarah Spears

January 11 at 6:49 AM

EF

Elias De La Torre And Family posted:

We would like to express our condolences to Gene and his family. Bonnie always express so much love and goodness that she had in her heart for everyone. We will miss every day from our daily walks in our neighborhood.

January 11 at 6:20 AM

BV

Bette Vest posted:

Everyone should be as lucky as we were to have a Bonnie in their lives. When we first moved next door she greeted and treated us like family. We shared the happy moments and the sad ones, and Bonnie always kept her positive outlook. Not often in life are you given the opportunity to know someone like Bonnie. We were blessed, and we knew it from day one. It was an honor to be her friend. She will be missed. Gene we know you will miss her, and I wish I had some words to share, but I am at a loss for words. Bette & Ron VestBlanco, TX

January 10 at 3:03 PM



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Vicki Anderson posted:

Salute to a life well lived and loved... Carma Anderson's boys, Steve & Tom Anderson

January 9 at 7:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Carlson-Diepholz family.



January 9 at 7:22 AM



Christ The King Family sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Carlson-Diepholz family.



January 9 at 7:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Carlson-Diepholz family.



January 9 at 6:11 AM



Your Iowa Farm Family sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Carlson-Diepholz family.



January 8 at 5:32 AM



Coleen posted:

She was such a sweet lady. So sorry for your loss. Coleen

January 6 at 3:47 AM



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Kathryn Shirkey posted:

I'm too far from Ca. To attend Bonnie's Memorial service, but I will be there in spirit. We loved Bonnie. We taught together at Ramona school beginning in 1953! The miles between NC and Ca did not end our friendship--we traveled together and had many joyous times over the years. I wish I could share them with the family—we had so much fun. We will be thinking of you all. Kathy and Nick Shirkey

January 5 at 9:27 AM



Mike Carlson shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My mother loved her life – her family, friends, and experiences. She considered herself to be blessed with all that life had given her. Near the end, she said that she was at peace, and was ready to go – I think in a selfless attempt to comfort us. But I know she would have loved to have had more time to share with the many friends and family who were fortunate enough to know and love her, and be loved by her. When her cancer struck with vengeance after Thanksgiving, she was forced into the hospital for a little over a week. She told us she was angry this happened in December when she should be at home listening to Christmas music and preparing for the family gatherings that come with the holidays. We were very thankful she was able to return home and listen to the Christmas music she loved, and have the family gatherings in her home. I'll always think of this December as treasured bonus time we got to spend with Mom. I'm going to miss her always, but especially in December.



January 4 at 6:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Carlson-Diepholz family.



January 4 at 6:29 AM



Don & Karen Rasdal posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Bonnie. She was such a delight to be around and made everyone feel so comfortable. She will be greatly missed. Your family is in our prayers. We love you! Don & Karen Rasdal

January 4 at 6:15 AM



Media

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January 4 at 7:25 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bonita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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