



## Bonna Deen Freeze

October 3, 1932 - October 2, 2022

Bonna Deen (Mayes) Freeze, age 89 of Goldsby, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2022. She was born October 3, 1932 in Coal County, OK, the middle of three children born to Joe Lee Mayes and Stella Fay (Hart) Mayes. She started school in a two-room school house at Lone Oak. She graduated from Tupelo High School with the Class of 1950. By chance, Bonna Deen met a young man named Gene Freeze. She was working as a waitress at a local café, and they hit it right off. Gene asked her to marry him, and three weeks later, on August 22, 1951, they slipped off to Gainesville, TX and were married. They first made their home in Oklahoma City, where they welcomed son Kim and daughter Gail. Bonna Deen worked tirelessly as a homemaker, caring and providing for their every need. They bought a farm near Purcell in 1959, and began to build their homestead. By 1964, they settled on the farm, and she worked with Gene in the day-to-day operations of the farm. She was a gifted baker and cook, and began baking cakes, and she catered countless weddings and events for the next 30 years. Bonna Deen retired from the Lexington A&R after 17 years of work. She was an excellent seamstress, and designed men's and women's clothes. She loved the lake, and enjoyed it both from her family cabin on the water and water skiing behind the boat. She was an avid sports fan from playing basketball, taking her grandson to his first OSU game at only a few months old, cheering on the OKC Thunder, and being the loudest whistle at countless of her grandchildren and great grandchildren's ball games from little league to college. She was strong in her

faith and studied scripture intently, sharing her knowledge by teaching Sunday School for many years. She encouraged, supported, and prayed fiercely for her family through all seasons of life. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her husband Gene Freeze; her parents, Joe and Stella Fay Mayes and a brother, Billy Joe Mayes Sr.

Bonna Deen leaves behind her children, son Kim Freeze of Goldsby and daughter Gail Webb of Goldsby; Brother, Eldon Lee Mayes and wife Barbara of Harrah, OK; two grandchildren, Greg Snow of Goldsby and Casey Wilson and husband Blythe of Purcell; 8 great grandchildren Alecsandria Harris and husband Nathan, Oliver Wilson, Stella Wilson, Arlie Pearl Wilson, Zeke Wilson, Brighton Snow, Cal Snow and Delia Snow; two great great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P. M. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Washington First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Bonna's family during this difficult time. I worked with Bonna at Lexington A &R. I was the Personnel Officer so she would come by to get her check or come in early for shift and pop in for a few minutes. We became friends and she was the sweetest lady! She could also become a very strong correctional officer. You should be proud of this lovely lady that was your Mom and Grandmother. I am proud to have known her!



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**Reta Cottrell** - October 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“*Kim, Gail & family. I just learned of your sweet mother's passing. Where do I start of her influence on my life as a child visiting from Texas my grandparents on SE 41st Street. Your house just a few houses away was always the first place to visit after seeing my grandparents of course. Your mother was always so happy to see me & quickly invite me in to see her children. We always had a great fun together. To this day, I remember when walking in seeing your piano. Your mom would play & I would sit memorized watching her hands playing beautiful notes filling the room with happiness. Your mom even taught me a scale. She gave me the passion as a little girl to learn music. We couldn't afford a piano but I joined the school band playing the flute.*

*When we moved to OKC in 1964 at the age of 12, I was so excited running to your house to tell you we were going to be neighbors only to find out you had moved away. Oh how sad I was as I didn't know how to find you.*

*Fast forward & Gail, you found me when I was selling my grandparents home. Almost 30 years later & we never skipped a beat in our friendship. Best gift ever that my mother & I were reunited with you & your mom at the Olive Garden to eat lunch. We had the best mothers ever!*

*I'm so grateful to be reconnected with Kim, you, Gail, & children & continued creating more memories 30 years!*

*A simple happy loving smile of your mom sweetly inviting me in every time I rang your doorbell, made me feel like family. I loved her & love you all. One day, I'll again be sitting next to her at a piano & her teaching me a song when we meet on the other side of glory.*



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**Darlene Drew** - October 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We love you Bonna dean. May you Rest In Peace. Sending my love

Billy



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**Billy mayes** - October 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I had great respect for Bonna & I enjoyed working with her at LARC. She was a real sweetheart. May she rest in peace. My condolences to her family. 🙏

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**Kathy** - October 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Aunt Bonna Deen was one of the sweetest ladies in this world. When I first met her I was taken by the fact that she was a prison guard. I asked her what brought her to that line of work and her response was simple. She went there to testify. She said she wanted those men to know that Jesus loved them. She said all of us make mistakes and those men were no different. They all deserved compassion and respect. For me I think that says a lot about the woman she was. She always gave a big hug and said "I Love You" every time she saw me, and I believed her.

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**JANE MITCHELL** - October 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. She will surely be missed.

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**Neal & Kenna Williams** - October 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *May the afterlife treat you well. I will love you and miss you with all my heart. My greatest memory was getting to see you at my senior concert in high school and getting you there to watch me receive my scholarship award for college and the wrong State and award for being the best all around music choral student. That is the last time I seen you and I should have been doing better about keeping up with you and going down to see you. You will be missed and cherished.*



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**Elizabeth Hoffman** - October 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM