



## Bonnie Darlene Lapp

June 4, 1935 - August 9, 2024

Bonnie Darlene (Overby) Lapp was born June 4, 1935 in LaPrairie, South Dakota, the eldest of four children born to Lyle Bertrand and Hazel Hoiem Overby.

At the age of seven, Bonnie's parents relocated their family to Portland, Oregon to find work in the shipyards. Bonnie developed her love of music from an early age, playing the French horn and the piano, later describing piano as her "instrument of enjoyment." She attended Roosevelt High School where she played the French horn for the school orchestra and met the love of her life, a tall, comedic percussionist and bass player, Rex Scott Lapp. She graduated in 1952. Bonnie and Rex were married on February 21, 1953, one day before driving cross-country to Florida so Rex could report for duty, having enlisted in the U.S. Navy post-graduation. For two years the young couple lived in various places, including Hawthorne, Nevada, where they welcomed twin sons Raymond Lyle and Randall Rex, on January 31, 1955. Following active duty, Rex and Bonnie returned to Portland and soon welcomed their third son, Richard Orin, on March 21, 1958. Settling into life in their hometown, Rex and Bonnie eventually purchased the home of their dreams in the Garden Home neighborhood where they raised their sons and lived happily together until Rex died suddenly September 10, 2002, and where Bonnie continued to reside for many years.

As a working mom, Bonnie held several positions, primarily working at data processing service bureaus and eventually payroll and personnel management for Caffall Brothers Forest Products, before her retirement in 2000.

An accomplished pianist from childhood, Bonnie dedicated her gift to serving the LORD as an accompanist for her church and various choirs, serving first at St. John's Wesleyan Methodist in Portland, followed by Beaverton Nazarene (now Nexus Church) where she and Rex attended and faithfully served in various facets of church life.

Bonnie is survived by her youngest brother, David Overby, her sons, Ray (Donna), Randy (Rita), Rick (Jami); six grandchildren - Adam (Melissa) Lapp, Tiffany (Ryan) Petit, Casey (Brent) Anderson, Tenille (Brad) Johnson, Emma Lapp, and Hannah Lapp, and 13 great-grandchildren: Madeline, Aubrey, and Cameron Lapp; Isla, Corban, Audra, and Cruz Petit; Eamon, Ezra, Eli, and Ella Anderson; Jericho and Emberlyn Johnson.

Bonnie was pre-deceased by her husband Rex, parents Lyle and Hazel (Murdock), siblings Sharon Boddington, and Ardon Overby, and granddaughter Tasha Dawn Lapp.

She will be remembered fondly for the lavish holiday dinners she hosted, sharing her culinary skills and beautiful home with her entire family tree for many joyous feasts!

In the words of Jesus, found in John 14:1-3, He tells us: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." That day

came for Bonnie on August 9, 2024, when, after an extended battle with breast cancer, she was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A memorial service will be held September 14, 2024 at 4pm at Nexus Church (12555 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, Oregon). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests in memoriam gifts to Nexus Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 14. 4:00 PM (PT)

Nexus Church  
12555 SW 22nd Ave.  
Beaverton, OR 97008  
<https://wearenexuschurch.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Joy is what you saw and felt when you spent time with Bonny. As a teenager, growing up with her boys in the church, she and Rex always had an open heart and home for "us kids". When I married, Bonny and her mother Hazel turned our old gymnasium into a spring wonderland. I was always grateful for her labor of love. When I became a mom, Bonny joined the fun of a new baby at our shower. I cherish the days of "church moms" when women like Bonny 'showed up' and nurtured you as a woman of faith. As we both aged we were privileged to study God's word together - a gift of time and wisdom. What a blessing in my life to have known Bonny. My heart is full for her family. May the memories be sweet.  
-Debbie Beeson Merkel

Debbie Beeson Merkel - August 30, 2024 at 01:08 PM

RI

Randy and I loved reading your beautiful tribute, Debbie. Thank you for sharing. The memories are indeed sweet! Love to you and Will.

Rita - September 11, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JC

“ Bonnie and Rex were my wonderful next door neighbors for a bizillion years. I will miss their warm and wonderful neighborly ways

judy colligan-marshall - August 26, 2024 at 04:38 PM

RI

Thank you, Judy! The family is grateful Bonnie was blessed with such wonderful neighbors.

Rita - September 11, 2024 at 01:00 PM

LI

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. She was like my older sister and loved doing things with her. She will be missed dearly by many*

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**linda** - August 16, 2024 at 09:16 PM

CJ

*I certainly do remember You and Rex from Band at RHS and am happy that you two got together. RIP to both of you, you are now together forever. Clyde Harmon. Sousaphone, class of 1953*

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**Clyde Andrew Harmon Jr** - September 06, 2024 at 12:22 PM