



Bonna B. Starkey

March 6, 1925 - July 18, 2019

Bonna Bethane (Preston) Starkey, 94, of Powell, OH passed away peacefully on July 18, 2019.

Bonna was born on March 6, 1925 near Laurel, Nebraska, to Russell and Angie Preston. She grew up on a farm near Wayne, Nebraska during the Great Depression and World War II.

A 1942 graduate of Wayne City High School, Bonna attended Wayne State Teachers College for two years, taught for a year in Climbing Hill, Iowa, and then earned her Bachelor of Sciences degree from Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa. She went on to earn her Master's degree in Dietetics from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she met her future husband, Walter, while serving in the school's hospital cafeteria.

After graduate school, Bonna worked at Fairview Park Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio as a therapeutic dietitian for one year. She and Walter were united in marriage December 17, 1949, and she returned with him to Columbus, working for two years at OSU.

Bonna trusted in Christ for salvation in the 1940s and became a lifelong student of His Word. She was a long time member of Riverside Bible Church in Worthington, Ohio, where she joyfully served with family and friends until

her passing.

Bonna was a devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother. She had an adventurous, can-do spirit and a heart that loved to serve. She joined Walter as a trailblazer of off-grid camping in the Rocky Mountains starting in the early 1950s, and enjoyed boating on Lake Erie and in Florida during their retirement. She was certified by the Ohio Power Squadron in navigation and power boating skills.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Walter L. Starkey, her parents Russell and Angie Preston of Nebraska and brothers, Leland Preston of Ohio and Quentin Preston of Iowa.

Bonna is survived by sons David H. Starkey (Vicki) of Powell, Ohio and John M. Starkey (Carolyn) of West Lafayette, Indiana; grandchildren Peter (Kim) Starkey, Philip (Delon) Starkey, Anna (Johnny) Lim, Daniel (Emma) Starkey, Laura Starkey, Benjamin (Brittiany) Starkey, Rebecca Starkey and Eliana Starkey; 13 great-grandchildren, her younger brother Merlin Preston of Arizona, and many nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends Friday July 26, 2019 from 4:00 - 7:00pm at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio followed by a private burial in Oller Cemetery, Delaware, Ohio.

A Memorial Service for Bonna will be held on August 3, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Riverside Bible Church, 5330 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio. David Crawford, officiating. All are welcome.

Contributions in Bonna's memory may be made to JosiahVenture, a non-profit, faith-based ministry serving youth in Central and Eastern Europe. Go to www.josiahventure.com and click on "Give."

Cemetery Details

Oller Cemetery

5459 Riverside Drive
Delaware, OH 43015

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Bible Church
5330 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43235

Tribute Wall



“ *Bonna B. Starkey*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My prayers are with the Starkey family. Bonna was such a kind soul and strong spiritual person.*

Diane Wendel - July 26, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Love, Maureen & Brian Preston and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bonna B. Starkey.*



Love, Maureen & Brian Preston and family - July 26, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *I did not know Bonna well but remember being blown away the first time I met and got to talk with her. Knowing her age, I came into the meeting with a young man's mindset that "She has got to be a slowing down and I will have to explain a lot to her." I came away from that meeting realizing how whip smart she was, how much I had to learn from her. She radiated joy and intelligence; even as her physical body was slowing down, her mind obviously wasn't.*

Chris Rule - July 25, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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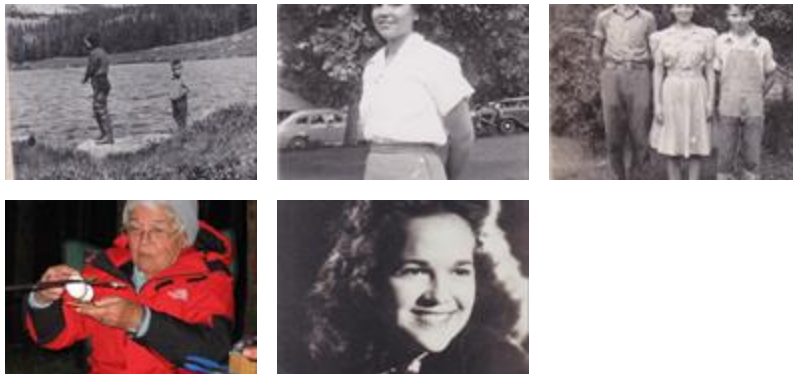
“ We share our sincerest condolences to the entire Starkey family. We remember seeing her come to so many of the plays and concerts with the school. She was a treasure you will greatly miss. Thanks be to God that you can look forward to seeing her again!

Gary and Arlene Belter

Arlene Belter - July 23, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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Carolyn Starkey - July 22, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonna B. Starkey.



July 22, 2019 at 11:41 AM