

*In Loving Memory
of
Ruth Antoinette "Bonnie" Williams*



*Sunrise
January 1, 1939*

*Sunset
January 2, 2014*

Services

Saturday, January 11, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

4400 North Shartel

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Reverend Dr. Randall Spindle - Officiating

Obituary

Ruth Antoinette Littlepage was born on January 1, 1939 in Oklahoma City, OK, to Dr. Joseph Morton Littlepage and Ruth Elizabeth Patterson Littlepage. For her entire life, she was affectionately known as “Bonnie”. She grew up in Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church, attended Page and Dunbar elementary schools, and began taking piano lessons during these early years of her life. During these early years, Bonnie welcomed to the family her brother, Joseph Morton, with whom she remained close until the end of his life.

Bonnie graduated from Douglass High School in 1955, earned a Bachelor’s degree from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH, and a Master’s degree in Education from Bank St. College in New York City. While spending an additional year in graduate school at The Universität Tübingen in Germany, Bonnie took the opportunity to travel from Germany to Turkey in a Volkswagon Beetle! Upon returning to the U.S., she began a career as a teacher in the Oklahoma City Public Schools. She was united in marriage to Thomas Williams, and they resided in Bartlesville, where she continued to teach school. They ended their marriage after returning to Oklahoma City.

Bonnie continued to teach, and has been called not only a teacher, but an “educator”. She taught music in primary and middle schools, and contributed to our city’s local culture as a member of the Baton and Keyboard Club, the Eastside Culture Club, and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was always up-to-date on fashion, was an avid bridge player and a skilled gardener, and earned the designation of Master Gardener from O.S.U./OKC.

And to all this, Bonnie chose to add a family.

On February 22, 1983, Bonnie Ruth was united with John F. Williams in holy matrimony. This union made Bonnie an instant mother to John Frederick II and James Calvin. The family moved to Del City where John was an architect for Tinker A.F.B., and Bonnie continued to teach music in the OKC public schools. These young children had the unconditional support and love of a mother who was “very present” in their lives. The family attended Westminster Presbyterian Church where Bonnie and John were members of the Chancel Choir. The family traveled extensively, from Yellowstone, to World Fairs, to the Caribbean, Europe and Canada. Their home was filled with beauty, music, food, friends, and family, all of which were very important to Bonnie.

She cherished her moments with her nieces and nephews, and delighted in being near her granddaughter, Tylee.

Bonnie celebrated her 75th birthday with friends and family on Jan. 1, 2014. She left this life on the morning of Jan. 2, 2014. She will be dearly missed, and leaves to cherish her memory her husband, John F. Williams; her son, John Frederick II and his wife Tonya; her son, James Calvin; granddaughter, Tylee Marie Williams; nieces, Michelle Monique Littlepage-Hightower, Jacquelyn Minette Littlepage-Jackson, Devera Beatrice Moore, and Marcia Denise Moore; nephew, William Calvin Moore, Jr.; sister-in-law, Edwina M. Littlepage; and a host of other relatives and friends.

