

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A *season*,
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN:
A TIME TO BE BORN,
AND A TIME TO DIE;
A TIME TO PLANT,
AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED;
A TIME TO KILL,
AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN,
AND A TIME TO BUILD UP,
a time to Weep
AND A TIME TO LAUGH;
A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE;
A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES,
AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER;
A TIME TO
Embrace
AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;
A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE;
A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;
A TIME TO REND, AND A TIME TO SEW;
A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK;
A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE;
A TIME FOR WAR, AND A TIME FOR *Peace*
- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8



What a comfort...

For us to know that our burden of grief
was shared by our family & friends.

Thank You



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In Loving Memory of

Bonnie Laurel MacKenzie Ridley
September 4, 1959 - September 23, 2023





Don't think of her as gone away -
 her **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
 life holds so many facets -
 this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
 where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* of those she touched
 For nothing loved is ever lost -
 And she was loved so much.
 - Ellen Brenneman

Celebration of Life

2 o'clock in the afternoon
 Saturday, September 30, 2023
 Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

Officiating

Rev. Jamie Callaway
 Rev. Michael Marcengill
 Mr. Jimmy Bryant

Contributions

Celebrate Recovery
 132 Heard Street
 Elberton, Georgia 30635

Honor Loving Memory

Mrs. Bonnie Laurel MacKenzie Ridley, age 64, of Bowman, GA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital surrounded by her family.

The oldest of three children, Bonnie was born to Phillip Lawrence MacKenzie and Cynthia McGowan MacKenzie in Quincy, MA on September 4, 1959. She was a 1977 graduate of Marshfield High School, a 1979 graduate of Pine Manor College where she earned an associates degree in Liberal Arts, and a 1981 graduate of Fort Hays State University where she earned a Bachelors degree in art therapy.

Bonnie spent most of her working career working as a drug and alcohol counselor and various organizations throughout Boston, MA. She also worked as co-coordinator at Friends of Boston's Homeless and as Volunteer Program Coordinator at South Shore Women's Center. Bonnie's passion was helping others and she took great pride in doing so. After relocating to Elbert County, GA in 1999, Bonnie worked at the Elbert County Extension Office as a 4H assistant. She enjoyed visiting schools weekly and assisting with Horse Quiz Bowl.

Bonnie was very artistic and used her talents to spread joy amongst others. She was a talented painter who enjoyed painting small rocks and hiding them throughout Elberton for others to find. Her drawings were second to none, and she enjoyed quilting and sewing as well. Bonnie loved horses, and was happy when she moved to Georgia and lived on a farm. She was a proud member of Faith Baptist Church in Bowman.

She is preceded in death by her father, Philip Lawrence MacKenzie; and her husband, Richard Frank Ridley.

Surviving are her children: Neal and Allie Andreson of Atlanta, GA, Bethany and Paul Seaberg of Plympton, MA, Cody Manning of Quincy, MA, Dolena MacKenzie Sweeney of Bowman, GA, and Ryan Ridley of Elberton, GA; mother, Cynthia Riley of Marshfield, MA; brothers: Phillip and Lauri MacKenzie of Carver, MA and Bruce MacKenzie and Fran of Lady Island, SC; four grandchildren: MacKenzie, Summer, Brandt, and Paul; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memories