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# BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## BFA Historical Presentations are now available on the website!

Due to Covid restrictions, BFA launched its inaugural virtual meeting in October 2020.

Thanks to the efforts of our webmaster David W. Bondurant, the virtual library of historical presentations was started in September 2020 to give us an opportunity to get up-to-speed with Zoom. These virtual presentations are now recorded on the BFA Website under the Virtual Meetings tab, so you can watch them again and again! More presentations from past meetings will be added as they become available.

The current listing on the website <http://www.bondurant-family.org/styled-23/> includes:

*The Mysterious Death of Paul Bondurant: Murder at the Palace Bakery* – by David Bondurant. Describes the mysterious death of the son of James David Bondurant, founder of the Palace Bakery in Kirksville, MO in 1915.

*The Bondurant-Tanner Descendants DNA Project 2020* – by Susan Clark Neese. Examines the Bondurant-Tanner DNA project on FamilyTree DNA, and how DNA matching and triangulation is being used to connect members to the family and confirm our ancestry back to Jean Pierre Bondurant and Ann Tanner

*The Bondurants of Génolhac, France* – with Mary Bondurant Warren, David Bondurant & Cynthia Louise Moore. An overview of the first ten generations of the Bondurant family in Southern France, where they lived, and why Jean Pierre Bondurant left the kingdom for America. Based on the book *The Bondurants of Génolhac, France*, by Mary Bondurant Warren (2000).

*Our First English Ancestors* – by David Bondurant. Who were the English ancestors of Ann Tanner, Jean Pierre Bondurant’s wife? We learn that we have surprisingly famous English Ancestors who helped to found Jamestown, the First English Colony in America and were among the Planters who inhabited early Henrico County, Virginia, and represented it in the House of Burgesses.

*Joan V. Bondurant, Sisterhood of Spies* – David Bondurant. Describes the life of Joan Bondurant who became a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during WWII, was posted to the New Delhi India office of OSS, and covertly assessed emerging leadership of the Indian Nationalist Movement during and after the war. She would become a leading scholar on Gandhi and his non-violent protest movement. (See also BFA newsletter #101 for David’s article about her.)

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## From Our President

**Membership Update.** Our roster is up to 111 for 2021. Hopefully past members will send their dues soon! BFA has also received donations to the Ann Tanner Memorial Fund and other projects from some of our members. Memorials to Joe and Anna Bondurant, and to Perle Oscar Bondurant of Parkerton, WY, will be used in accordance with the member's wishes. Thank you for your generosity. We also thank those members who gave gift memberships to family members. What a nice way to include others in the fun we have!

**Updated BFA Website.** From the front page of this newsletter, you will know that our webmaster David Bondurant has made a number of presentations available to watch anytime. Go to [www.Bondurant-family.org](http://www.Bondurant-family.org), and look for the VIRTUAL MEETINGS tab. David plans to add new ones as they become available. The most recent one features a lady spy named Joan V. Bondurant. What an adventurous life she led! She wrote several books about her experiences living in post WWII India and are available on Amazon. Martin Keene is writing a biography of her.

That makes, to my knowledge, two pending Bondurant books. The other one is by Cynthia Louise Moore, who is writing a novel about Jean Pierre Bondurant's life in 17th century France. Don't forget we already have *The Wettest County in the World* by Matt Bondurant, that was made into the movie, *Lawless*. Please let me know if you know of any others.

**Next Reunion.** I am feeling encouraged about the likelihood of having a face-to-face reunion this fall. I have had my shots and I hope you all are getting yours. Barring a new outbreak of resistant variants, we may prepare to hold a reunion this year. We will try to decide by May 15. We are hopeful it will take place about the third weekend of October near High Point, North Carolina. Our cousin Amy Bondurant Bridges is eager to host it. Watch the BFA Facebook page and the website for more details.

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## Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome these new members to our group and look forward to getting to know our "new" cousins!

Daneta Bardsley, Denver, CO  
Charles Palmer Bondurant V, Columbia, MO  
Marie Bondurant, Colorado Springs, CO  
Christopher Andrew Bridges, Mocksville, NC  
David Alan Bridges, Chicago, IL  
Michael Aaron Bridges, Lexington, NC  
Carolyn J. Burein, Pickering, OH  
Lucinda (Cindy) Ferguson, Cypress, CA  
Michelle Growcock, Baldwin City, KS  
Susan Bondurant Jenkins, Greensboro, NC, and her  
daughter Della Jenkins Thomas, who is overseas  
Stephanie Hall Miller, Helena, AL  
Merry O'Brien, Tijeras, NM  
Gary Rainey, Casper, WY  
Melanie Stevenson, Danville, IL

Thank you also to those who have given a gift BFA membership to family members.

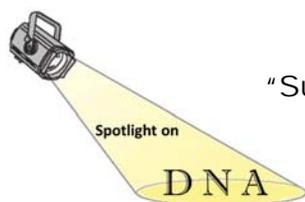
### **Why you should join the Bondurant Family Association?**

For the yearly dues of \$20, you:

1. receive a quarterly newsletter loaded with lots of facts and features about the family.
2. keep up-to-date about upcoming special events and meetings.
3. have access to our DNA projects
4. assist in building the Bondurant tree on Ancestry.com
5. have the opportunity to contribute to the maintenance of Jean Pierre Bondurant and Anne Tanner's grave site in Virginia. Your dues also support special projects and operational costs.
6. have easy access to the website where you can watch recorded presentations.
7. are privileged with a vote in BFA decisions and qualify to vote at the yearly business meeting.

I think your \$20 investment will bring you a good feeling of family. I know it has for me.

Tom Bon Durant, Vice-President



## "Sundays With Susan"

By Susan Clark Neese

### ***A Four-Part ZOOM Training Series for Members of the Bondurant-Tanner Descendants DNA Project and the Bondurant People of Color DNA Project on Family Tree DNA (FTDNA).***

I am so pleased to announce that the first of four FTDNA ZOOM training sessions was held on Sunday, March 7, 2021! There were 25 people in attendance! It was so good to greet cousins from all across the United States, as well as a member from France. I think this means that we have gone international! Very exciting indeed!

It was quite a "family affair," complete with unforeseen technical glitches with ZOOM (which were thankfully overcome because there were several ZOOM experts in attendance), and having to hush a husband who was making a phone call during the presentation!

After a bit of a rocky start, the presentation progressed smoothly! The first session covered "**Navigating Your FTDNA Account Page.**" We went over all the features on the Home page of a person's FTDNA account. Important functions, such as designating a beneficiary for your DNA test, having a Family Tree, a Surnames List and the appropriate Settings as required for the Project, were discussed and demonstrated. A question-and-answer period followed, and we went through the process of downloading a Family Tree from Ancestry.com in the GEDCOM format, and then uploading that GEDCOM tree to the myTree feature on the FTDNA home page. This is the fastest way to get a very complete family tree posted on your FTDNA page!

This session was recorded. I am in the process of editing the video presentation to eliminate the initial difficulties. When I can, I will make it available to members of the Bondurant-Tanner Descendants DNA Project and the Bondurant People of Color DNA Project to view. I will probably be using Dropbox for the edited video and will let everyone know when it is available.

The second session will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 4 pm Pacific time. The training session will cover "**Understanding Your Family Finder Test Results.**"

The third session will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 4 pm Pacific time, and will cover "**Understanding Your Y-DNA Test Results.**"

The fourth session will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 4 pm Pacific time, and will cover "**Navigating the Bondurant-Tanner Descendants DNA Project and the Bondurant People of Color DNA Project Websites.**"

Members of these projects can register for any or all of the remaining ZOOM sessions by sending an email to me at [famhistgirl@gmail.com](mailto:famhistgirl@gmail.com). I will send you the link to the meeting and the syllabus for that training session.

All sessions will be recorded and made available to members of these two projects as requested. Further information on this is forthcoming.

**About the author.** Susan Clark Neese is currently the Chairperson of the BFA Research Committee and the Recording Secretary for the BFA for 2020-2021. She administers four other DNA projects in addition to the Bondurant-Tanner Descendants DNA Project and the Bondurant People of Color DNA Project and has been an avid genealogist for many years. Please feel free to contact her with questions at [famhistgirl@gmail.com](mailto:famhistgirl@gmail.com).

***A research hint while we're still in lock-down:*** Have you looked to see if the graves of your family might be listed in the *Find-a-Grave database* <https://www.findagrave.com/> ?

If you have pictures or anecdotes to share about that person, use the SUGGEST EDITS button to send your information to the sponsor of this grave memorial. Photos can be added using the ADD PHOTOS button to the left. You can even add memorial to a particular cemetery by using the CEMETERIES tab at the top.

If a cemetery is not listed, you can add it, and share the information that you know about burials in it for the new listing. Happy hunting!

## *In Memoriam*

### *Saying Farewell to Our Cousin and BFA Member*

Our sincere sympathy goes to the loved ones of this BFA member. She will be fondly remembered for many years to come!



*Steve and Inez Griffels visit G nolhac, France, for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

### **Inez Faye Bondurant Griffels**

October 9, 1944 - January 4, 2021

Inez Faye (Bondurant) Griffels, 76, of Hillsboro, OR, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 4th, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, surrounded by her husband and children. She will be greatly missed, although her wonderful legacy will live on in the many lives she touched.

Inez was born in Pasco, Washington, in 1944 to Joe and Frances Bondurant. The family moved to Hermiston when Inez was in the 3rd grade and she graduated from Hermiston High School in 1962, having lettered four years in volleyball. She attended Pacific University in Forest Grove and pledged Phi Lamda Omicron sorority. In college she met Steve Griffels and married him in 1964 in Hermiston.

Inez worked many years in the optometry profession and retired in 2003.

Inez and Steve were married 56 years and for 45 years lived on the family farm near Hillsboro. Inez loved her family, volunteering, golfing, and travelling.

Inez donated a total of 5 gallons of blood and 27 gallons of platelets, which made her very proud. She had a love for Pacific University and was on Pacific's Alumni council for 18 years, was an Alum of the Year in 2004, and was even the Alumni President for a time. She and Steve had season tickets to Pacific's football games and thoroughly enjoyed the games and had fun tailgating with good friends as well.

Inez had a life-long love of horses and was a 4-H horse leader for 18 years. She loved the young people in her "Striding Out" club. She not only taught them about horsemanship but also about character, leadership, and being a good citizen. She was a Washington County Fair Booster for many years; volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank; and was a member of the local Women's Extension Club.

One of her real passions was golfing and she would golf between two and four times a week. She enjoyed volunteering several years at the Winco Golf Tournament at Pumpkin Ridge golf Course. Inez loved to cook, especially during the holidays, and she made delicious candy -- especially caramels. Inez was a member of the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church, known as the Old Scotch Church and she had served as an Elder.

Inez loved playing cards, especially pinochle, and travelling, especially to their beach house in Seaside. She has been in all but three U.S. states. On their 21st anniversary, they went to Hawaii, on their 25th they went to Bermuda, and on their 50th they took a trip of a lifetime to France. She was especially delighted to visit G nolhac, the town in southern France where the ancestral Bondurants were from. On their 55th anniversary they spent three wonderful weeks in Hawaii.

Inez is survived by her husband, Steve; their daughters, Tina Griffels-Gonzalez (Israel) and Teresa Griffels, who live in Hillsboro; their grandchildren, Jasmine and Tyler Hiu, Richard Jossy (Kourtney) and Melissa Newcombe (Trent) who all live in Washington County; her siblings, Richard Bondurant (Diana) of Hermiston, Kay Justice (Ray) of St. Helens and Bonnie Marks (Don) of Imnaha, and sister-in-law Linda Robinson (Lyle) of Hillsboro. She is also survived by many members of her second family, the Dorrans of Hermiston. She lived with the Russ and Dee Dorrans family during three years in high school, and she dearly loved them. She is also survived by many relatives in Chicago, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington. Inez was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Tim of North Carolina, John of Illinois, and David of Hermiston.

Inez was a very loving and caring person with a laugh that was infectious. She touched many lives. She was always energetic and full of life. Inez is going to be deeply missed. Due to COVID-19 a remembrance service will be held later. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harriett Unruh scholarship fund at the Old Scotch Church: 30685 NW Scotch Church Road, Hillsboro OR 97124. Her obituary is online at [www.dvfuneralhome.com](http://www.dvfuneralhome.com). Please feel free to share any memories or stories there.

*The Hermiston Herald* (OR) - Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and Wednesday, January 13, 2021

*East Oregonian* (Pendleton, OR) - Saturday, January 9, 2021

*Forest Grove News Times* (OR) - Thursday, January 14, 2021

*Hillsboro Tribune* (OR) - Thursday, January 14, 2021

<https://www.dvfuneralhome.com/obituary/inez-griffels>

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**Jo Ann Callahan Bondurant**  
February 13, 1937- December 8, 2020

Jo Ann Bondurant, 83 of Akron passed away on December 8, 2020. She attended Wedgewood United Methodist Church, and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jo Ann was preceded by her parents, Walter and Kathleen Callahan; daughter, Deborah; son, James R.; grandson, Cody; sisters, Betty Seeker and Mary Montabone; brothers, Walter and Don. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, James; children, Kathy Varney, Vickie (Tom) Skinner, Joe and Scott (Ginger) Bondurant; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at the Prentice Funeral Home, 1154 Kenmore Blvd. on Monday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Joe Burkhardt, followed by burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations, if desired may be made to Wedgewood United Methodist Church.

*Akron Beacon Journal* (OH) - Sunday, December 13, 2020

<https://www.prenticefuneralhome.com/obituary/JoAnn-Bondurant>



**Florence Jean Bondurant**  
May 31, 1957 – December 19, 2020

Florence Jean Bondurant, age 63. Sunrise May 31, 1957, and Sunset December 19, 2020. Private Visitation 1PM and Private Memorial Service 2PM Thursday, December 31, 2020, at MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME, THE CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST, 5456 E. Livingston Ave. Mask and Social Distancing are required. To stream the service, read the complete obituary, order flowers, view video tribute and offer condolences to The BONDURANT Family, visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)

*The Columbus Dispatch* (Ohio) – Tuesday, December 29, 2020



**Mary Elizabeth (Rice) Bondurant**  
December 14, 1924 – December 28, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Bondurant, age 96 of Lynchburg, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020. Mary was born in Lynchburg on December 14, 1924, daughter of the late Silas P. Rice and the late Josephine F. Rice.

Her beloved husband, John, preceded her in death, after being married for 62 years. Mary was the last of eight children, being preceded in death by her seven siblings, Ernestine Garwood, Wilbur Rice, Agnes Taylor, Ruby Hamilton, Preston Rice, Mildred Fariss and Benjamin Rice. She was retired from General Electric and had served her country proudly as an Army Nurse. Mary's happy place was the Outer Banks. She loved being outside, shopping, and her "happy hour" with her husband, John. More recently

the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was the highlight of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Witt, and Rita Tyson whom she loved as her own. Survivors also include four grandchildren, John-Michael Witt, Michael-Austin Witt and wife, Jill, Jacob Witt and Katherine Ashley and husband, Daniel as well as three great-grandchildren, Lily, Rose, Violet and a fourth great-grandchild which is on the way. Due to gathering restrictions of the COVID-19, there will be no formal visitation, but you may stop by Whitten Timberlake Chapel from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2021 to pay your respects. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021, at Virginia Memorial Park. When attending services, please maintain social distancing and wear a mask for everyone's safety. Whitten Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Timberlake Chapel, is serving the family.

*The News & Advance* (Lynchburg, VA) - Friday, January 1, 2021

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lynchburg-va/mary-bondurant-9971857>



### **Harvey "Buddy" Bondurant**

October 23, 1932 - December 29, 2020

Harvey Diggs Bondurant, Jr., of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on December 29, 2020. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Harvey, also known to friends and family as Buddy, reached the grand age of 88 years of life.

Harvey was born in October of 1932 to Harvey and Mary Ruth Bondurant in Fulton, Kentucky. As a boy, he learned to farm with his father and he learned the value of hard work. Working hard in life would become a habit and he would instill the value of hard work in his children as well.

In 1953, he met the woman he would marry, Artie Marie Owens, at the Union City public swimming pool. Artie Marie caught his eye and he wanted to take her out and they have now celebrated 67 years of life together. After marrying Artie Marie, Harvey joined the Army. He did his basic training in Ft. Benning, Georgia. He served for two years leaving as a corporal.

Harvey's first child, Greg, was born during his service to his country. In 1955 when he left the service, the young Bondurant family of three moved briefly to Union City, Tennessee and then to Mayfield, Kentucky where the couple bought their first house. They also added two more children to their family, a daughter, Fonda Jean, and a son, Bryan. Harvey provided for his family by driving a truck for Wonder Bread. A few years later and due to his job with Wonder Bread, the family moved to Murray, Kentucky, and a few years after that they built a house in South Fulton, Tennessee, where he and Artie Marie have lived ever since. During his 14 years with Wonder Bread he worked his way up to a supervisor's position.

Harvey's next place of employment was with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant in Union City. During his 25 years at Goodyear he worked in the tire presses.

Harvey will be known as a man who believed in hard work. He would say, "If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing right." He also believed in loyalty, responsibility, and honesty. These were the principles he based his life on and instilled in his children and grandchildren.

Harvey also believed in the importance of family and his love of his family was evident in his life. Vacations with his family and extended family occurred every summer. These vacations, two weeks every summer, spanned most of the United States and many historical areas provided lasting lessons. Greg remembers having traveled with his family to 38 different states by his junior year of high school.

Harvey's commitment to family went beyond family vacations. All three children were involved in athletics and it was not unusual for him to leave second shift at Goodyear to get to Greg's or Bryan's football games, or Fonda Jean's basketball games. When Greg and Fonda continued to play on the college level, Harvey and Artie Marie traveled to be at those games as well.

Harvey was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Liberty Baptist is the church in which Harvey and Artie Marie were married.

Harvey is preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Mary Ruth Bondurant; sisters Mary Jane Upton and Joan Thompson; and his beloved daughter, Dr. Fonda Jean Bondurant. He is survived by his wife, Artie Marie; his sister, Jean Dodd; and his sons, Greg (Diane) and Dr. Bryan Bondurant (Rebecca). He is survived by four grandchildren, Elizabeth Bondurant Mulling (Tommy), Dr. Robby Bondurant (Dr. Caitlyn Redding Bondurant),

Natalie, and William, and three great-grandchildren, Thomas, Bryan, and Noah Jane.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Liberty Baptist Church, 2842 State Route 781 South, Fulton, KY, 42041.

Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Edmaiston Mosley Funeral Home. Brother Jim Keeling will officiate. Burial will follow in East View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jason Crabtree, Ralph Wayne Adams, Rick Zoellne, Tommy McLeary, Robby Bondurant and William Bondurant.

Visitation will be held at Edmaiston Mosley Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday and from 11:00 a.m. until the hour of services Saturday. Please wear a mask and abide by social distancing protocols. Edmaiston Mosley Funeral Home 731-885-1033

*The Commercial Appeal* – Tuesday, December 29, 2020

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### **Octava Wynona Pearson Bondurant**

October 2, 1922 – January 13, 2021

Octava Bondurant was born Oct. 2, 1922 and passed away Jan. 13, 2021. She was born in Buffalo, Wyoming to Robert and Ada (Woods) Pearson when they were traveling through to Montana. Octava grew up mainly in Rapelje. She was orphaned by the age of 8 and primarily raised by her sister, Rumina.

After graduating, she married James Lee Bondurant and, being an Army wife, traveled with him when she could. Octava lived in the Columbus, Laurel and Livingston area most of her life and together with James they had six children. She was very active in the Nazarene church starting in her teen years through her passing. She was proud to be a Nurse's Aide and a Senior Companion after her retirement. It was her honor to serve the Lord through serving others.

Octava is preceded in death by most of her immediate family, including three sons and her husband, James.

She is survived by her daughters, Myrtle Jane Davis and Bertha Holbrook, and her son Phillip Bondurant along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many friends and church members she was proud to consider family.

Services will be held at New Hope Church of the Nazarene @ 11:00am on Jan. 23, 2021. 25 Hilltop Rd, Billings, MT.

*The Billings Gazette* (MT) - January 18 & 19, 2021

*Livingston Enterprise* (MT) - January 19, 2021

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### **Anne Elizabeth Bondurant**

July 22, 1946 – February 13, 2021

Anne Elizabeth Bondurant, 74, passed away suddenly Feb. 13, 2021, at her home in Anderson, IN. She was born in Anderson, graduated from Madison Heights in 1964 and Indiana University in 1968, where she obtained a teaching degree. She taught Social Studies in the Cleveland (OH) Public Schools for 30 years. Anne then returned to Anderson to take care of her mother and brother.

She enjoyed reading and history, which lead her to volunteering at the Anderson Public Library in the Friends of the Library and also at the Madison County (IN) Historical Society. Anne also enjoyed eating out with one of her many lunch groups.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Bonita (Neese) Bondurant; sister, Sarah Bondurant; beloved brother, Roger Kent Bondurant; a favorite aunt, Rosemary Davis; and special friend, Kay Sweitzer.

Leaving behind to cherish her memory are cousins and many friends. As per her wishes, there will be no services. Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Madison County Historical Society. Online condolences may be posted at [www.brownbutzdiedring.com](http://www.brownbutzdiedring.com).

*The Herald Bulletin* (Anderson, IN) – Tuesday, February 16, 2021



### Lafayette Earl Bondurant

March 7, 1935 – February 20, 2021

Lafayette Earl Bondurant, age 85. Sunrise March 7, 1935 and Sunset February 20, 2021. Public Viewing from 9:00am - 10:00am followed by a Private Visitation 10:00am and Private Funeral Service 11:00am Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, the Chapel of Peace East, 5456 E. Livingston Ave. Interment at Eastlawn Cemetery. To stream the service, read the complete obituary, order flowers, view video tribute and offer condolences to the Bondurant

Family, visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)

*The Columbus Dispatch* (OH) - Sunday, February 28, 2021

<https://www.thechapelofpeace.com/lafayette-earl-bondurant/>

*Editor's Note: From research on Ancestry, he was the son of Earl Chester Bondurant (1894-1960) and Mabel Estelle Powell (1901-1999). His Ohio birth certificate gave his birth date as March 6, 1935, in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.*

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### Michael Kenneth "Hippie" Bundren

April 14, 1953 - October 31, 2020

Michael K. Bundren, 67, passed away on October 31, 2020 at his home in East Point after a prolonged illness.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Christine; grandparents, Hershel and Ethel Weddington; parents, R.B. and Opal Bundren; sister, Terry Bundren and he was also preceded in death by his special aunt who was a champion and a proud supporter of him, Loretta Weddington.

Mike is survived by wife, Carol Flint Bundren; sister, Sherry and husband Tim of Knoxville, TN; sister, Mary Bundren and nephews Bryant and Blair of Knoxville; Brother, Bob Bundren and wife Mary of Sevierville, Tennessee and uncle, Kenneth Weddington and wife, Joyce of Saline, Michigan.

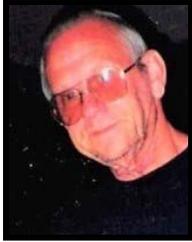
Mike is also survived by extended family members, Kim and Kristie Spears of East Point; Cathy and Tyler Salyer of Prestonsburg; Sharon and James Castle of Paintsville and Jamie and Janie Flint of Indiana as well as several adopted grandchildren.

Mike graduated as Valedictorian of his class from Johnson Central High School. He worked many years operating heavy equipment in surface mining operations with various mining companies in the area. He was an avid supporter of the Kentucky Wildcats, especially the basketball team and enjoyed attending NHRA drag racing events and car shows.

Friends may visit the Preston Funeral Home on Monday November 2, 2020 from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. and after 9 A.M. on Tuesday November 3, 2020. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 A.M. Tuesday November 3, 2020 in the Preston Funeral Chapel with James Rutherford Blair officiating. Burial will follow in the Johnson County Cemetery at Staffordsville, KY.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/18807710/Michael-Kenneth-Hippie-Bundren/Paintsville/Kentucky/Preston-Funeral-Home>

<https://theprestonfuneralhome.net/book-of-memories/4378368/Bundren-Michael-Kenneth-Hippie/index.php>

**Robert Lee Bundren**

August 16, 1940 – December 16, 2020

GALESBURG-Robert Lee Bundren, 80, of Galesburg, IL, died at 1:01 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at home.

Bob was born Aug. 16, 1940 at home south of Avon, the son of Hobert L. and Lillian A. (Keener) Bundren. He married Ruth Ann Thompson Aug. 19, 1961 at the Christian Church in Greenbush. Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth; three grandchildren, Haley Miller, Ryleigh Wasion, and Loren Thurman, numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Lyric. Along with his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his son, Rodney “Bundy” Bundren in 2010; his daughter, Susan LaNelle Wasion in 2019; two brothers; and five sisters.

Bob started working at the age of 12 baling hay and went on to work for different farmers until the day he turned 18 when went to work for Alton Box, later Jefferson-Smurfitt and Stone Container as a semi driver for 45 years, compiling over one million miles of accident-free driving. He was a proud member of Teamsters Local 627. Bob was a proud family man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Cremation rites will be accorded. No services are planned. Arrangements have been entrusted to Watson Thomas Funeral Home and Crematory, Galesburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Guardian Angels, Patriot Guard Riders, or to the family. Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.watsonthomas.com](http://www.watsonthomas.com).

*The Register-Mail* (Galesburg, IL) – Monday, December 28, 2020

*Prairie Review* (Knox, Henderson, Warren, IL) – Thursday, January 7, 2021

<https://obituaries.galesburg.com/obituaries/register-mail/obituary.aspx?n=robert-bundren&pid=197376289&f&hid=19032>

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