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# BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## *The Bondurants Go West!*

**2019 BFA Meeting at the Courtyard Marriott, Portland, Oregon**

**October 25-26, 2019**



*This year’s Meet & Greet on Friday evening was a splendid opportunity to meet lots of “new” cousins from the western part of our great country! Many thanks to Susan Bundrant Scharf, the coordinator for this year’s gathering, and the speakers at the meeting on Saturday for a wonderful weekend together.*

### **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Our reunion in Portland was wonderful. The setting in the exciting city of Portland in a centrally located hotel provided a new experience for many of us unaccustomed to life in the big city. We had eclectic surroundings which included an urban city scape with a very diverse citizenry. Public transport in the form of busses and street cars made getting around very convenient. The busses whizzed by and the street cars noisily clanked by through the busy streets. Unlike Atlanta the conveyances were always full of commuters.

Cool buildings enveloped the river. So many parks and statues were scattered among the tall buildings. The nearby waterfront decorated with dramatic bridges providing contrast with the skyline. Marijuana shops on every corner. Street musicians were seen next to homeless sleeping on the sidewalks. For some reason I noticed that many of the sidewalk sleepers dwelled in body-shaped tents pitched right next to the curb. Taking a peek inside these one person camps I could see cell phones and other electronic devices. I wondered how they charged their batteries. Compared to the homeless of Atlanta these folk are up-scale!!!

I especially enjoyed visiting Powell’s City of Books. Many stories tall, some say it is the largest book store in the world. All of the venues were accessible by foot, Uber or public transport. We made the mistake of driving our car to the hotel. It was expensive to have the car parked. Next time we will fly as many did. They were able to take the train from the airport into the city so no vehicle needed.

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We are grateful to Susan Bundrant Scharf for organizing this year's meeting. I was very impressed by the obvious pride our Portlander cousins take in their beautiful city.

We must have had about 45 come for the *Meet and Greet* on Friday evening. Ed Bondurant gave a stirring tribute to his father, Dr. John Connelly Bondurant. Some of our attendees had been his patients. During the roundtable meet and greet session it was neat to see Western Bondurants meet for the first time, having only heard of each other during their lives. I could see new friendships and connections being formed.

The next morning we met in the hotel conference room again. Our host, Susan Scharf, gave a fascinating presentation of her branch of Bundrants. She had super old photos and she pointed out the striking similarities in the looks of her ancestors. Quite distinctive indeed!!! She relayed a heartwarming story of her grandparents who led humble but romantic lives. You can tell Susan is from "good family."

Next David Bondurant gave an engaging presentation about Jean Pierre Bondurant's wife Ann Tanner's ancestors and early Virginia history. He had beautiful photos and explained Ann Tanner's lineage, including the lands her ancestors obtained upon arriving from England. She is quite possibly a descendant of Christopher Newport. We know that Ann was the daughter of Mary Hatcher, providing a connection to the English gentry. David's talk also featured early colonial history and our relation to it. It kept everyone rapt. For me it was especially enticing that these people would also be MY ANCESTORS! I was intrigued by the maps showing the historical locations that can still be visited. I would like to visit these areas next year.

During the business meeting which followed we elected officers for 2020-2021 and created three new committees. The officers are myself as president; Tom BonDurant, vice-president; Amy Warren Sanders continues as our Treasurer; Susan Clark Neese, Secretary; David Bondurant continues as Webmaster, with Bill BonDurant from Chicago as back up webmaster. Eve B. Mayes agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor.

The new committees are 1) The **Ann Tanner Memorial Marker Committee**. This is to place a similar marker for Ann Tanner next to Jean Pierre's in the Bondurant plot in Powhatan. Led by Bruce Ramsdell. Co-members are Susan Scharf, Marcelle Hoffman and Shirley Seaborn. 2) The **Event Coordination Committee**. This is to arrange hotel accommodations and venue locations. Led by Susan Scharf. Marcelle Hoffman will assist. 3) The **Genealogy Research Committee**. Led by Susan Clark Neese and helped by Donna Crumb and Susan Scharf. This is to work with our tree and use DNA to help members determine their place in it. (I believe Susan collected more than ten member DNA samples with kits from FamilyTree DNA.) We hope you will get involved with one of these new projects so that BFA can continue to reach new cousins in the future.

Our reunion ended with lunch at the nearby Huber's Restaurant, a historical café which provided a site for a hearty meal and some good fellowship. See the BFA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142740453048/> for more photos from the meeting! Afterwards some of us took a walk up the waterfront and explored from China Town to Powell's City of Books for some coffee.

I do hope that many of our new west coast BFA members make it East to our ancestral home of Virginia for next year's reunion.

Bruce Ramsdell  
President



## The Bondurant Family Association Annual Meeting October 26, 2019

### *Meeting Minutes*

The 2019 Annual Meeting of The Bondurant Family Association was held at the Courtyard Marriott City Center Hotel in Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The meeting was called to order by BFA President Bruce Ramsdell at 9:00 a.m.

## Meeting Attendees

New members are marked with an asterisk “\*”.

BFA Members are marked with an “M”.

Jill Adams, Oregon	Steve & Inez Bondurant Griffels, Oregon (M)
Charlotte Baker, Oregon	Teresa Griffels, Oregon
Bruce Wayne Bondurant, Nevada (M)	Marcelle Bondurant Hoffman, California (M)
David & Judy Bondurant, Colorado (M)	Virginia Herndon, Oregon
Ed Bondurant, Oregon (M)	Kris Larsen, Washington
James & Barbara Bondurant, Washington	Susan McDonell, Oregon (*)
James Richard Bondurant, Oregon (M)	Don & Bonnie Bondurant Marks, Oregon (M)
John Bondurant, Oregon	Susan Clark Neese, California (*) (M)
Mathieu James Bondurant (M)	Rose Bondurant Neyman, Oregon
Richard & Dianna Bondurant, Oregon (*)	Sue Pittman, Oklahoma (*) (M)
Susan Bondurant, Washington (M)	Bruce Ramsdell & Marvin White, Georgia (M)
Thomas Robert “Tom” Bondurant, Mississippi (M)	James & Sabrina Renfrew, Washington
William Richard Bondurant, Illinois (*)	Karen Saben, Oregon (*)
Wayne & Betty Bondurant Brown (M)	Susan Bundrant Scharf, Oregon
James Larry Bundrant, Oregon	Joyce Bondurant Sneddon, Oregon
Don & Loretta Collins, Washington (*)	Terri Tufts, Oregon
Donna Moseley Crumb, Washington (*) (M)	Ronald L Wanger, Washington
Darren & Joellen Bondurant Dilla, Oregon	Veronica Wanger Darling, Oregon
Erin Graff, Oregon	

## Special Presentations

Special acknowledgment goes to Ed Bondurant (Oregon) for the great biographical sketch he presented on his father, Dr. John Bondurant, at Friday evening’s Meet and Greet.

At 9:15 a.m., David William Bondurant (Colorado) presented a slideshow on “Our First English Ancestors.”

At 10:00 a.m., Susan Bundrant Scharf (Oregon), presented a slideshow on “From Bondurant to Bundrant.”

## Business Meeting

The minutes from the 2018 BA Annual Meeting held on October 20, 2018 in Midlothian, Virginia, were read by Acting Secretary Susan Clark Neese, in the absence of Mary Bondurant Warren, BFA Secretary.

Corrections to the Minutes: Bruce Ramsdell noted that mention of the motion to install a memorial marker for Ann Tanner, like the one installed for Jean Pierre Bondurant, and to allocate the sum of \$2,500 for this purpose, was omitted from the minutes. The minutes should be amended to reflect this. Tom Bondurant made a motion to accept the 2018 BFA Annual Meeting Minutes as amended with the motion to install a marker for Ann Tanner and to allocate the sum of \$2,500 for this purpose. David Bondurant seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

## Treasurer’s Report

The BFA Treasurer’s Report dated September 30, 2019 was read by Marcelle Bondurant Hoffman, BFA Vice President, in the absence of Amy Warren Sanders, BFA Treasurer.

Corrections to the Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report will be amended to reflect the allocation of \$2,500 for the memorial plaque for Ann Tanner in the Ann Tanner Memorial Marker Fund. Tom Bondurant made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as amended. David Bondurant seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

## Old Business

**BFA T-Shirt Report** – BFA Vice President Marcelle Hoffman postponed the t-shirt report since Eve Mayes was not in attendance. She noted that there are still BFA t-shirts available for sale. Send requests to Eve Mayes.

**BFA Membership Dues** – Vice President Marcelle Hoffman mentioned that BFA Membership dues for 2020 can be sent to Amy W. Sanders, BFA Treasurer.

**Jean Pierre Bondurant Gravesite Report** – President Bruce Ramsdell noted that he and Tom Seaborn paid a visit this spring to JPB’s gravesite where they trimmed back the magnolia tree and sprayed the poison ivy. Bruce

intends to return next spring to spray the poison ivy again. Discussion followed noting that the BFA no longer pays anyone for the upkeep of JPB's gravesite.

### **New Business**

Group photographs of the 2019 BFA Meeting attendees were taken at 10:45 a.m.

President Bruce Ramsdell recognized the new members in attendance. They are indicated with an asterisk (“\*”) in the roster of attendees, listed above.

President Bruce Ramsdell introduced proposals for the formation of three new committees and asked for volunteers to head them or to assist:

- (1) **The Ann Tanner Memorial Marker Committee.** This committee will identify a new monument company to make the marker and will determine what information will be engraved on the marker. Bruce Ramsdell volunteered to head this committee. Susan Scharf, Marcelle Hoffman, Tom and Shirley Seaborn volunteered to assist.
- (2) **The Event Coordination Committee.** This committee will coordinate plans for the next meeting to determine a location which will meet the requirements of our BFA members and decide on activities. Susan Scharf volunteered to head this committee because her experience with arranging the 2019 BFA Meeting will be very useful in arranging future meetings. Marcelle Hoffman volunteered to assist.
- (3) **The Genealogy Research Committee.** This committee will assist BFA members in discovering their connections to Jean Pierre Bondurant using traditional genealogical methods as well as DNA testing. Susan Clark Neese will head this committee. Donna Crumb and Susan Scharf volunteered to assist.

Inez Griffels made a motion to establish these three committees as described. Tom BonDurant seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **Election of Officers for 2020-2021**

The following slate of candidates for BFA Officers was submitted to the membership:

Bruce Ramsdell, President  
Tom BonDurant, Vice President  
Amy W. Sanders, Treasurer  
Susan Clark Neese, Secretary  
David Bondurant, Webmaster  
Eve B. Mayes, Newsletter Editor

Susan McDonell made a motion to close nominations and vote on the slate of candidates as presented. Susan Clark Neese seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the new officers were elected unanimously.

Bill BonDurant agreed to be backup webmaster.

President Bruce Ramsdell reminded everyone that the 2020 BFA Annual Meeting will be held in Virginia, per our by-laws. The Executive Board will decide on the date and location of the meeting, and the new Event Coordinator Committee will handle making the arrangements.

Susan Scharf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Inez Griffels seconded the motion. The motion carried and the 2019 BFA Annual Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Clark Neese  
Acting Secretary



**Bondurant Family Association**  
**Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2019**

**Membership**

<b>Active Members (Paid in 2019 dues as of September 30)</b>		<b>130</b>
2019 Electronic copies	74	
2019 Paper copies mailed USPS	37	
2020 Electronic Copies	13	
2020 Paper copies to be mailed USPS	3	
2021 Electronic Copies	2	
2021 Paper copies to be mailed USPS	1	
<b>Members Reported at Last Meeting (2018)</b>		<b>140</b>

A renewal form was included as part of the Meeting Registration form included in both issues sent out this year (2019). The Renewal form was sent to all those who hadn't renewed at that time and will be resent by the end of 2019.

**Financial**

<b>Balance of BFA funds on September 30, 2018</b>		<b>\$8,478.44</b>
Funds collected for dues	\$2,080.00	
Gifts & Memorials received	\$ 33.50	
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 875.00	
<i>(limited to the \$875 investment, balance credited to Ann Tanner Memorial Fund)</i>		
Ann Tanner Marker Fund	\$ 420.00	
<b>Total received</b>		<b>+ \$3,408.50</b>
Expenses for editing, printing and mailing newsletters	\$1,382.83	
Purchase of 100 30th Anniversary t-shirts to sell	\$ 875.00	
Website hosting expenses	\$ 126.28	
PayPal & Bank Service Fees (collected \$2 to cover PP)	\$ -18.82	
2019 Meeting Expenses ( <i>donations for meeting expenses 2019</i> )	\$ -50.00	
<b>Total paid out</b>		<b>- \$2,315.29</b>
PayPal Funds	\$ 42.12	
Regions Bank Funds	\$ 9,529.53	
<b>Balance of funds as of September 30, 2019</b>		<b>\$ 9,571.65</b>

**BFA 30th Anniversary T-Shirts** – 100 shirts were ordered and taken to the 2018 meeting to sell. As of Sept. 30, 2019, **we have no XL shirts left** and have available: 5 small, 4 medium, 6 large, 4 XXL, 9 XXXL and 8 XXXXL remaining to be sold. The original investment has been repaid and \$110 was transferred on Sept. 30, 2019, to the Ann Tanner memorial marker fund, as voted on and agreed by those in attendance at the 2018 meeting in Midlothian, Virginia. Anyone wishing to purchase a shirt may do so by filling in the order form and mailing check with shipping to Amy.

**Comments**

The 2019 meeting is being held in Portland, Oregon, hosted by member Susan Bundrant Scharf. Next year's meeting is due to be held in Virginia, location to be determined after the meeting by the Board and announced in upcoming newsletters.

Amy Warren Sanders, Treasurer  
13 October 2019

**Editor's Note:** See BFA Facebook page/documents folder or on the BFA webpage at [www.bondurant-family.org](http://www.bondurant-family.org) for the t-shirt order form. Mail with your check to Amy (her address is on the form). Your order will be mailed to the address provided.



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**Ann Walton Bondurant Womack**  
**May 22, 1938 – November 11, 2019**

Ann Bondurant Womack died November 11, 2019, in a care facility near Richmond, VA. Daughter of Herbert Louis Bondurant, Jr., and Eloise Wilson Bondurant, Ann was born May 22, 1938, in the county of Norfolk, VA. During WWII the family lived in Winston-Salem, NC, later returning to the Norfolk area. Ann met the love of her life in 7th grade, “that cute Bobby Womack.” Ann and Bob married in 1956, days after her high school graduation. They made a home first in Norfolk before moving to Atlanta, later returning to the Kempsville area of Virginia Beach. Ann gave her all as a wife, mother and homemaker. In 1998 Ann and Bob moved to their dream home in New Kent, VA. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert Robinson Womack, Sr., Ann is survived by her three sons and their spouses: Robert R. Womack, Jr. & Catherine Roseberry, Richard L. & Laurie L. Womack and Randal L. & Ricky A. Womack; grandchildren Eric L. Womack, Elizabeth W. & Cory Shawver and Catherine E. Womack; great-grandson Ayden R. Shawver; brother Herbert L. Bondurant III, sisters-in-law Diane P. Bondurant, Evelyn W. Williford, Margaret W. Wommack and Judith W. Brinn and brother-in-law Jack I. Womack. Ann also leaves a close friend and many dearly loved cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements at a later date. Should friends wish to make a memorial gift, the family asks it be made to Alzheimer’s Association ( [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). No flowers, please.

*The Virginian-Pilot* (Norfolk, VA) - Sunday, December 8, 2019

**Robert Robinson Womack, Sr.**  
**March 8, 1936 – March 10, 2019**

Robert Robinson Womack, Sr., died March 10, 2019, in a hospital near his New Kent, VA, home. The seventh of James Harwell Womack and Violet Robinson Womack’s eight children, Bob was born March 8, 1936, in Maryville, TN. The family moved to Tidewater Virginia during WWII. Bob’s future was set in 7th grade when he met his life-long sweetheart Ann Bondurant. They wed in 1956, making a home in Norfolk before moving to Atlanta, and later returning to the Kempsville area of Virginia Beach. Bob was a salesman for Cardinal Signs. The two retired in 1998 to a home they constructed in New Kent; Bob did much of the work himself. Preceded in death by his brothers James, Wilson and Wade, Bob is survived by his beloved and loving wife Ann Bondurant Womack (see above). In addition he is survived by sons and their spouses Robert R. Womack, Jr. & Catherine Roseberry, Richard L. & Laurie L. Womack, and Randal L. & Ricky A. Womack; grandchildren Eric L. Womack, Elizabeth W. & Cory Shawver and Catherine E. Womack; great-grandson Ayden R. Shawver; siblings Evelyn W. Williford, Jack I. Womack, Margaret W. Wommack and Judith W. Brinn; and brother-in-law Herbert L. Bondurant III. Funeral arrangements at a later date. Should friends wish to make a memorial gift, the family asks it be made to Alzheimer’s Association ( [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). No flowers, please.

*The Virginian-Pilot* (Norfolk, VA) - Apr. 7, 2019

**Edward Bondurant Goodson, Jr.**  
**May 13, 1939 – November 27, 2019**

Edward Bondurant Goodson, Jr. passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Funeral Service: 1 p.m. Wednesday in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Interment: Elmwood Cemetery, Bowie, TX. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Biggers Funeral Home. Edward was born May 13, 1939 in Enterprise, Alabama. He enlisted in US Air Force in 1959. Edward was part of the SAC on Titan II Missile Program and Battalion Commander for Inspector General Team. He retired as Lt. Col. in 1989. Edward was a loving grandpa, and great-grandpa, and a friend to everyone he met. Edward was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Paula Goodson; daughter, Pamela Stewart; parents, Bondie and Frankie Goodson; and brother, Richard Goodson. Survivors: Grandchildren, David Stewart, Chris Stewart, and Stacy Stewart; great grandchildren Aubrei and Kolton Stewart; son-in-law, Ted Stewart and wife, Cindy Stewart all of Fort Worth. Biggers Funeral Home of Fort Worth, TX, 817-237-3341, is in charge of arrangements.

*The Dothan Eagle* (AL) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (TX) - Monday, December 2, 2019

*Editor's Note:* He was the son of Edward Bondurant "Bondie" Goodson, Sr. (1915-1984) and Mary Frank "Frankie" Spears Goodson (1920-2000) of Enterprise, AL. His Find-a-Grave memorial #205170946 is listed in Elmwood Cemetery, Bowie, Montague Co., Texas, where his wife Paula Sue Joplin is also buried (#52776056). We're still working on why Bondurant shows up for two generations in this family! If you know, would you please share this information? Thanks.

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**Vivian Hall Bondurant**  
**April 14, 1929 - November 30, 2019**

Vivian Hall Bondurant, 90 of Reidsville, NC, made her last journey on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Her guardian angel took her hand and led her to her new home in heaven. Funeral services will be held at 3:00PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Thompsonville Baptist Church with Rev. Melvin Hall and Pastor Mike Campbell of Thompsonville Baptist Church officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church from 2:00 3:00 PM. The burial will follow in the church cemetery at Thompsonville Baptist Church. Vivian was born in Rockingham County to the late Charles Luther and Nannie Page Hall on April 14, 1929. She was married to the love of her life, Robert Cecil Bondurant, deceased. She was a longtime and faithful member of Thompsonville Baptist Church. Vivian worked for Apple Grocery Store until it closed and then she transferred to Apple Feed & Seed until her retirement. Vivian is survived by her son, Robert Curtis Bondurant (Hilda) of Reidsville; grandchildren, Steven Todd Bondurant (Mylene), Samuel Jason Bondurant (Robyn) and Courtney B. Cucchiara (Bill); 6 great grandchildren; Julian, Kathryn, Riley, Dion, Jackson and Andrew; brother, Melvin (Crip) Hall (Dorothy) of Wilmington; and sister, Shirlene Hall Gray of Burlington. Memorial contributions may be made to Thompsonville Baptist Church, 2033 NC Hwy 87, Reidsville, NC 27320. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.wilkersonfuneral.com](http://www.wilkersonfuneral.com).

*Greensboro News & Record* (NC) - Monday, December 2, 2019

*The Times-News* (Burlington, NC) - Monday, December 2, 2019

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**Leon Clark Bondurant, Sr.**  
**December 25, 1943 – December 1, 2019**

Leon Clark Bondurant, Sr., 75, of Mount Airy, NC, passed away early Sunday morning, Dec. 1, 2019 at the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson surrounded by his loving family. Clark was born in Surry County, NC, on Dec. 25, 1943, to the late William Robert "Bill" and Dorothy Mildred "Granny B" Hiatt Bondurant. He

was the owner of Bondurant Electric Company and was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Bondurant proudly served our country as a UDT Diver/Navy Seal. Left to cherish his memory are his daughters and sons-in-law, Shalon Jarrell and husband Josh, Kellie Bondurant and her fiancé Wayne Snow, Kristi Whichard and husband Johnathan, and Michel Miller; sons and daughters-in-law, Leon Clark Bondurant Jr., Ashley Bondurant, and Patrick Bondurant and wife Anne; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Gail and Jimmy Cox, and Neina Withers; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Penny Bondurant; several nieces and nephews; and by his best brotherly friend, Tommy Marion and his wife Shannon. A celebration of life for Mr. Bondurant will be held in the Moody Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, with Josh Jarrell officiating. Full military rites will be provided by the VFW Memorial Honor Guard, Mount Airy Post 2019 and Pilot Mountain Post 9436. The Bondurant family will receive friends on Thursday at the funeral home two hours prior to the service. The family would like to give a big thank you to the nurses and staff of Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care for all of the love and care given to their daddy and the rest of the family during his illness. Moody Funeral Services in Mount Airy is serving the Bondurant family. Online condolences may be made at [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

*The Mount Airy News (NC) - Monday, December 2, 2019*



**James Scott Bondurant IV**  
**November 23, 1955 – October 31, 2019**

James Scott Bondurant of Simi Valley, CA, 63, died October 31, 2019. Rose Family Funeral Home.

*Ventura County Star (CA) - Saturday, November 2, 2019*

*Editor's Note:* James was a new member to the BFA DNA group on FamilyTree DNA.com, according to Susan Clark Neese. The following information has been gleaned from his Facebook page and records on Ancestry.com: He was born Nov. 23, 1955 in Boise, Idaho, lived in Simi Valley, CA, son of Albert John "Al" Bondurant and Beverly Ann Madison Bondurant. He retired from the UCLA Department of Political Science. He married Lianne Sharon Conn 1981, in Los Angeles, CA. James died Oct. 31, 2019 in Simi Valley, CA. A memorial service will be held Nov. 11, 2019, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5028 Cochran St, Simi Valley, CA 93063.



**Rebecca Hale Bondurant**  
**May 29, 1952 – October 17, 2019**

Rebecca Susan "Becca" Hale Bondurant, 67, died peacefully in her home in Radford, VA, the morning of Thursday, October 17, 2019, with her devoted husband of 38 years, William Hix "Bill" Bondurant, by her side. In her final days, Becca rested in her home surrounded by those she loved dearly. In addition to her husband, Becca is survived by her mother, Nancy H. Flippo; her daughters and grandchildren, Julie and Mitch Herman and their son, Blake; Jennifer and Katie Bondurant and their children Paul and Lilah Kate; her siblings and their spouses, Dinah (Kurt) Gottschalk, Eddie (Kathy) Hale, Lori Fox, Elizabeth (Michael) Rose; her caregivers Barbara Duncan and Donna Cline; as well as many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews, and other extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, William "Bill" Hale, step-father, Charles W. Flippo, and mother-and father-in-law, Lillian and Hix Bondurant. Becca spent the majority of her childhood in Radford before attending Madison College to study Education. She returned to Radford in 1978, where she began teaching at Kuhn Barnett Elementary School. It was there, across the teacher lunch table, that she met her sweetheart, the band director. Bill and Becca began their romance as young teachers, passionate about improving their community through the impact of education. They married in 1980. Becca retired from teaching in Radford Schools in 2012, after a



successful and enjoyable career. Though Becca loved being a teacher, her greatest joy was being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was generous with her time, always available to listen, laugh, or cry. She was selfless in caring for her family and was happiest with her loved ones near. She sat in gratitude for a lifetime of beautiful shared moments with her family. Becca will be remembered as kind and gentle, curious, and deeply intelligent. She will be remembered as a beloved spouse and adored mother and grandmother. As the plaque at her bedside appropriately read, "Never was there a Mom as loved as you." The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, October 20, 2019 at Grove United Methodist Church in Radford. Funeral services will be held the following morning at 11 a.m. Monday, October 21, 2019 also at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Radford HS Band Boosters, at P.O. Box 1627, Radford, Va. 24143, or Lamplighters at P.O. Box 827, Radford, Va. 24143. The Bondurant family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

*The Roanoke Times (VA) - Friday, October 18, 2019*

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**Mary Jo Bundrum Couch**  
**March 27, 1941 – November 8, 2019**

The graveside service for Mrs. Mary Jo Bundrum Couch, 78, of Jacksonville, AL, was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Jacksonville, AL, with Scott Parris and Rick Bragg officiating. Mrs. Couch passed away on November 8, 2019 at NE Alabama Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Couch had a relationship with Christ that was important to her. She loved flowers, Gospel music, and was well known for her peanut butter cakes. Although she had no biological children, she raised her nieces and nephews as her children. If it had not been for her, the children would have never learned to drive. She and her husband, John, owned and operated West Point Grocery for several years in the 1960's. Mrs. Couch is preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Ava Mae [Hamilton] Bundrum; sisters, Edna Sanders and Sue Green; and brothers, William A. Bundrum and James Franklin Bundrum. Mrs. Couch is survived by her husband of 60 years, John C. Couch; sisters, Juanita Fair and Margaret Bragg; a brother and sister-in-law, Charlie and Connie Couch; and many nieces and nephews, who she considered her own children. Pallbearers were family and friends. Honorary pallbearers were Stephen Couch, Todd Yancey, Jaylen Hanson, Johnathan Hanson, and Jacob Hanson. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.klbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.klbrownfuneralhome.com). K.L. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Center 322 Nisbet Street NW, Jacksonville, AL 36265 (256) 435-7042

*The Anniston Star (AL) - Wednesday, November 13, 2019*

**No BonDurant, Bundrant, or Bundren Obituaries** were found in newspaper archives from October 1 to December 14, 2019, on the subscription website [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) and elsewhere, compiled December 14, 2019 by EBM.

## Books About Our Bondurant Ancestors

### THE BONDURANTS OF GÉNOLHAC, FRANCE

By Mary Bondurant Warren

#### *Ancestry of our immigrant ancestor, Jean Pierre Bondurant*

Family history and family trees are included, with photographs of sites and documents relating to the ancestors of Jean Pierre Bondurant. Maps and a driving tour of the family's most important places let you be your own tour guide, and see the sights of France at your leisure.

**VOLUME I – Hardbound, 172 pages with maps, photographs, illustrations, full name index. \$30.00**

### THE BONDURANTS OF AMERICA – Jean Pierre and Ann

By Mary Bondurant Warren, with Ruby Talley Smith and Amy Warren Sanders

#### *The Bondurants' First Years in Virginia*

Here is the story of Huguenot Jean Pierre Bondurant's life after he landed in 1700 at Jamestown. How did this French exile adapt to an English-speaking society? What was his life like in the colony? Meet his wife Ann Tanner and learn more about their five children and grandchildren. Watch the Bondurant family grow with the colony, move into new lands, and new occupations.

A "Sentimental Journey" takes you to places in Virginia that are important in this family's history.

**VOLUME II – Hardbound, 218 pages with maps, photographs, illustrations, full name index. \$35.00**

### THE BONDURANTS OF AMERICA – Ann Tanner's Ancestors

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