



## Bonnie Lee Balderson Koste Taylor

November 15, 1944 - June 25, 2025

Bonnie Lee Balderson Koste Taylor was born in Easton, MD on November 15, 1944, and passed this life on June 25, 2025. She was the daughter of Minnie Bennum Balderson and Emory Leon Balderson of Oxford, MD.

Born while her father was on a Navy ship overseas, she and her mother lived at the Robert Morris Inn (then the River View Inn) with her Aunt Sarah and Uncle Harry German who owned the Inn.

Bonnie grew up attending with her father the Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford. She attended the Oxford Elementary Schools (grades 1-6) and Easton High School where she was elected to attend Girl's State in Annapolis in 1961. She graduated in 1962. From there she attended McQueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing graduating in 1965 along with her long-time friend Jean Carr. She started her 50+ years of nursing at the Memorial Hospital of Easton, MD.

While living in Easton, Bonnie became active as a Board Member of the Waterfowl Festival for 25+ years. In 2001, she was inducted into the Waterfowl Festival Hall of Fame. Her circle of friends included many waterfowl artists that she remained in contact with throughout her life.

Bonnie had a love for the outdoors and was an avid hiker. After vacationing in Wyoming, she felt God was sending her on an adventure. She quit her job at the Digestive Health Center, Shore Health System, bought a house in Lander, Wyoming online, sold her house in Easton, and traveled west. She remained in Lander for nine years, before moving to Greenville, SC, where health care

was more specialized and to be close to her long-time friends, Billy and Jeannie Tarrell.

Bonnie was a member of the Covenant Global Methodist Church in Greer, SC. Here through Sunday School and Bible studies her Christian life and friendships expanded into a life of peace and tranquility.

Bonnie is survived by two sons, Christian Nicholas Koste of Easton, MD and Jason Alexander Koste (Maria) and one grandson, Nicholas Alexander Koste of Boynton Beach, FL. She is also survived by her brother, Barry Balderson (Janet) and two nieces, Emily (Mel) Knovac and Diana (Greg) D'onofrio.

Bonnie will be laid to rest on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 11am with a public graveside at her parent's burial site in the Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD. The service will be officiated by Rev. Kevin Cross, Holy Trinity Church, Oxford, MD.

# Cemetery Details

## Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd  
Oxford, MD 21654

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (est)

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Oxford Cemetery Rd  
Oxford, MD 21654

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bonnie was one of the smartest and most beautiful people ever from Oxford. She was a terrific Nurse. Got to spend a week in Lander, Wyoming to catch up with her. She will be missed. Rest in peace.

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“ Bonnie has been a dear friend since she moved west to Lander, Wyoming. As a new nurse I immediately drew from Bonnie's vast knowledge base and amazing clinical skills. Beyond that connection, we shared many adventures that I will always cherish. Bonnie's questioning mind always challenged my faith at Bible study - she was a deep thinker!! We miss her and look forward to more fellowship in eternity with our Savior Jesus. Bill and Cheryl Bartlett

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**Cheryl Bartlett** - August 09, 2025 at 02:39 PM