



## Bernice Lawson

September 7, 2015

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Longtime Oak Ridger.

Bernice Marilyn Lawson, 92, died peacefully on September 7, 2015 at her granddaughter's home in Dallas, GA. Bernice was born in December 1922 in Bridgeport, CT, and was the daughter of Jack and Rose Kahn. Bernice attended New Haven Teachers College in New Haven, CT. Her education was temporarily interrupted during the depression when she passed the Civil Service Exam and her parents insisted that she take the offered job as a librarian. She was able to resume her education after working for a year and saving all of her money so she could return to school earning a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

She married the love of her life, George Lawson in 1948 and they were married for over 50 years. They moved to Oak Ridge, TN in 1949 and were members of the Oak Ridge Jewish Community for over 50 years and were active members. She worked as a Social Worker in New York and Knoxville after they were married, and before her children, Jack and Susan, came along. When the children started school, she started volunteering in the early Oak Ridge Schools French program and was eventually offered a Job teaching French in the Oak Ridge Schools. She returned to School at UT and received her teaching degree and went on to teach French at Robertsville Junior High School for 20 years where she retired in 1982. She loved her profession and thrived on creative methods to stimulate her students to learn.

Bernice and George traveled to over 20 countries where they enjoyed interacting with the locals and learning about their customs and perspectives. She thoroughly enjoyed reading, watercolor painting, traveling, being a sous chef to her baker husband, George, and spending time with family and friends.

Bernice is survived by her children, Jack and Susan; three grand-children; and 5 great-grandchildren with a 6th on the way.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 9th at Martin Funeral Home followed by burial at Beth El Cemetery in Oak Ridge, TN.

Contributions may be sent to the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, P.O. Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5434.



# Cemetery

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Beth El

Oak Ridge, TN, 37830

# Events

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**Funeral Service**

01:00PM

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Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home  
1017 Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN, US, 37830

# Comments

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“ I was greatly saddened to hear of the loss of Bernice. She was a good friend to my parents and myself. She never said an unkind word to anyone. Joel Shor

Joel Shor - September 13, 2015 at 12:12 PM

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“ Bernice was an amazing woman. Glad I had the pleasure of knowing her. My deepest condolences to her loved ones. RIP Grandma Bern ?

Das Link - September 11, 2015 at 10:45 PM

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“ Thank you Susan for letting me know .  
Your Mother was such a dear friend. I spoke to her recently. I treasure the water color painting she sent me, and look at it as our connection. Although life changes instantly, I will always remember my dear friend Bernice. I will plant a tree in Israel for her. My condolences to Jack and the entire family. Rest in peace, Bernice. Love to all, Roz Squires

Roz - September 09, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ Bernice, Rest in Peace. You were a lovely lady and a very very dear friend of my mother-in-law. It was an honor to know you.

Hanna (Shapira)

Hanna Shapira - September 09, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Hello to everyone in Bernice's family. I am so very sorry for your loss. This is a sad day. Bernice brought a very bright light to my life with her wisdom, guidance, humor, and love. Her friendship was a precious gift to me. I am so honored and happy she shared her life with me! To you all; your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Was such a great treasure. Bernice actually spoke of each one of you with great love. I hope her memory will give you comfort, strength, and happiness in the future. Love, Beth Meyer

Beth Meyer - September 07, 2015 at 11:31 PM