



## Bernice M. Snelson

April 11, 1942 - March 21, 2022

Bernice Marie (Booker) Snelson, a long-time resident of Preston, Oklahoma, left this earth on Monday, March 21st, following a tragic farm accident. She was helping put cows up, a task she had successfully completed dozens, if not hundreds, of times and we would have expected nothing less from her petite, but strong, 4'10" frame. It was in her nature to be a helper and a fixer. It's who she was.

Bernice was born April 11, 1942 to Homer and Hazel (Croslin) Booker in Snyder, Oklahoma. The 7th of 12 children. She graduated from Preston High School in 1960.

On May 28, 1960, Bernice married Robert (Bob) Lee Snelson. They were married for 61 years and even now it seems impossible to imagine him without her by his side. They raised 3 children and 2 grandchildren together, but they also poured into the lives of countless others over the years. They were the ones you went to when you needed help. They worked hard and endured several tragedies but as time passed, they remained committed to each other and to their family.

Bernice held a lot of different titles over the years including, but not limited to, Wife, Mom, Sister, Grandma, Mima, BB, Aunt Bea, Secretary, and Friend. If you were lucky enough to be on her good side, you wouldn't find a more loyal and steadfast supporter, and, well, if you ever found yourself on her bad side, she would have let you know it.

Bernice was a homemaker during certain seasons of her life, but she also

worked for many years as a secretary in the bursars office at OSU-Okmulgee. She loved that job. It gave her an opportunity to help college students fulfill their dreams.

Bernice loved her chickens and peacocks. In fact, she loved animals. She loved nurturing them and she always had a soft spot for the runt of the litter or the ugliest chicken in the coop. The ones no one wanted, those are the ones she liked best.

Over the years, you could find Mima at one of her grandkids or great-grandkids sporting events. She had a competitive streak and she didn't like the refs much. Sometimes she didn't even like the coach, especially, if Mima felt the coach was being hard on one of "her" kids. In her later years, she was an expert Skip-Bo player, but she didn't play for fun. She always kept score. When we leave this earth, we all want to leave a legacy and a life we can be proud of. Bernice Marie Snelson lived a full life. We find comfort in the fact that she is home with Jesus, reunited with her youngest son, and waiting on us. She will be missed by many, but we will do our best to remember and honor her in the days, weeks, and years to come.

Bernice is preceded in death by her parents, 6 brothers, Jackie, Anthony, Robert, Doyle, John (Dewayne), and Perry Booker, 1 sister Genine Brown, and her youngest son Justin Douglas Snelson.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Snelson; daughter Denise Marie (Snelson) Gray and husband Rodney of Preston; and son Tracy Van Snelson and wife Michelle of Preston.

11 Grandchildren: Justin Snelson and wife Brittany; Kim Jackson and husband Justin; Jennifer Snelson; Tamra Snelson and husband Rocky; Jessica Snelson; Kylie Lindenberg; Felicia Snelson; Dillion Snelson; Savannah Gray and fiancée Cooper; JD Snelson and wife Lindsey; and Taylor Snelson.

16 Great-Grandchildren: Shyan Snelson, Olivia & Bennett Jackson, Kaylee Scott, Amelia Rampenthal, Rayge Ross, Gracie Snelson, Preslea Drake, Aisley & Evelyn Lindenberg, Kobe Barker, Noah Snelson, Ember Snelson, Tyson & Emerey Bible, and Ryot Chastain.

Sisters: Linda Kay Orsburn and husband Henry; Darlene Ray and husband Delbert; Joyce Cash and husband Ed.

Brother: Paul Booker and wife Cheri.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, March 24th at 10 am at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Okmulgee Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Pallbearers will be Justin Snelson, Dillon Snelson, JD Snelson, Taylor Snelson, Justin Jackson, and Rocky Ross.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Cemetery Details

## Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-5109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
[info@mcclendon-winters.com](mailto:info@mcclendon-winters.com)  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - March 23, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Bernice M. Snelson*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Prayers and thoughts to the family. My mom will miss her basketball buddy, her and Bernice were always teaming up and being rowdy at the games. She will be missed!*



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**Robyn Whitecloud** - March 25, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ *Prayers for Bob and the rest of the family*



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**Ernest Ledbetter** - March 24, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DM

“ *Such a really sweet and funny person. The first time I ever had Hashbrown Casserole Bernice made and brought it to a luncheon at work. I tried to eat the whole thing. To Bobby, the children, grands and great grandchildren, my deepest sympathy.*

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**Deborah McCrary** - March 24, 2022 at 04:47 PM

LH

“ *I am so thankful for getting to know Bernice. I have know her pretty much my whole life, but have gotten close to her over the last 9 years. She truly is a woman who has a heart of gold. I also loved that she did not sugar coat anything and was very straight forward, we all need to be this way. I would think of Bernice and there she would be at the local Preston game...whatever season it may be. I will always look for her at the games and think of her when I attend.*

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**Lucille Hinds** - March 24, 2022 at 10:47 AM

KM

“ *AWE MY FRIEND, YOU WIL BE GREATLY MISSED. ALWAYS SMILING, ALWAYS HAPPY. A WONDERFUL MOTHER, WIFE, GMANDMA, AUNT OT SO MANY PEOPLE, AND A SISTER WHO WAS GREATLY LOVED, TILL WE MET AGAIN, KAREN MCKEE.*

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**KAREN MCKEE** - March 24, 2022 at 02:53 AM

BA

“ *Brenda Treat Allen lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**Brenda Treat Allen** - March 23, 2022 at 09:31 PM

KE

“ Sending *PRAYERS* of *PEACE* and *COMFORT* for *ALL* of the *FAMILY*.. Love you Aunt Darlene..  
~~R.I.P. BERNICE~~



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**Kevin & Kelli (Mahan) Endres** - March 23, 2022 at 01:55 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Dangott lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**Peggy Dangott** - March 23, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family.*

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**Jeneane Campbell** - March 23, 2022 at 12:33 PM

TO

“ *Bernice wasn't just my Aunt Linda's sister, she was family and she always made me laugh. My heart is breaking. Prayers for the family.*

*Rest in 'The Sweet' Bernice*

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**Teri Orsburn** - March 23, 2022 at 11:10 AM

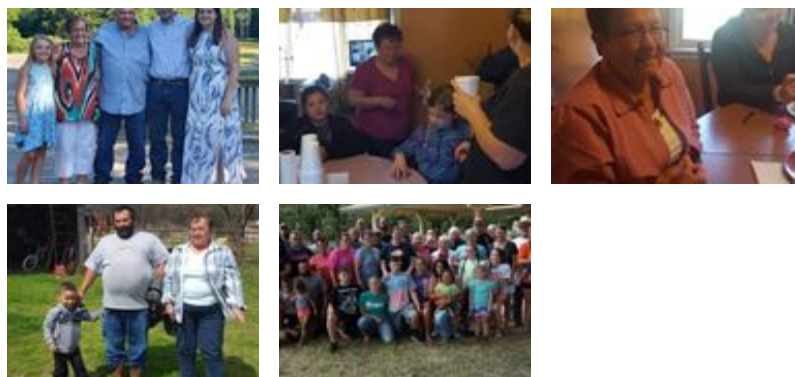
MD

“ I played softball with Bernice in the 80's! We always had a good time and yes! She was very competitive when it came to sports! I didn't see her much after softball, but when I did we always had a smile and a Hello nod. I was very fond of her. So sorry for your loss.

Myrna Dixon - March 23, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 23, 2022 at 10:53 AM

BB

“ Billy Basquez lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson



Billy Basquez - March 23, 2022 at 10:02 AM

TF

“ *The Basquez Family lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**The Basquez Family** - March 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

JW

“ *Berniece was a great friend to my family. She was always encouraging us and when you had a conversation with her she had a way of making your day brighter. We shared many laughs together. She was a great listener and a great mom wife, grandmother and her family was her life . She was so proud of all of her family. She loved each one of you in her own special way. She will be so missed by everyone. .Rest in peace Berniece. We all love you and we will see you when our time comes.*

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**Janelle Williams** - March 23, 2022 at 09:56 AM

CR

“ *Connie Snelson Reed lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**Connie Snelson Reed** - March 23, 2022 at 09:48 AM

SP

“ *Sandy Pittinger lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Sandy Pittinger - March 23, 2022 at 09:39 AM

KR

“ *Kaitlin Rouk lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Kaitlin Rouk - March 23, 2022 at 09:37 AM

TB

“ *Tara Booker lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Tara Booker - March 23, 2022 at 09:16 AM

KC

“ *I've known Bernice since I was in 1st grade with Denise at Natura and maybe before that. Bernice was always smiling. Always making us laugh. She worked at Preston School while we were in high school and always helping out. I wish for peace and help for the family to get through this because I know what she must have meant to the family. Much love to you all. Kimberley Bruner Cash*

Kimberley Bruner Cash - March 23, 2022 at 09:05 AM

RS

“ *Robin Stacy-Smith lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Robin Stacy-Smith - March 23, 2022 at 08:24 AM

CC

“ *Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Clay Copenhaver - March 23, 2022 at 01:45 AM

MG

“ *Marti Gann lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



Marti Gann - March 23, 2022 at 01:05 AM

GA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Bob, Tracy and all the family. Bernice was one in a million*  
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Gail Kelly Allred - March 23, 2022 at 12:13 AM

RS

“ Bernice was definitely one of a kind 😊. She was ornery but I think the best word to describe her was feisty. She never failed to keep me in stitches whenever I was around her 😊. I can also say that you knew exactly where you stood with her. She pulled no punches and I loved that about her. She fiercely loved her family and there was nothing she wouldn't do for them. My heart is broken for her family💔, many of whom are like family to me. My deepest condolences to each and every one of you. Bernice will be sorely missed 😞😭❤️ Love you. Rhonda and Gary Sallee

Rhonda Sallee - March 22, 2022 at 09:59 PM

KM

“ Denise was always one of my mom's dearest friends and she babysat for me and my siblings from time to time when we were little. My daughter Chelsea and her granddaughter Felicia (who we love) are also best of friends. Every time I'd see Bernice throughout the years she was always so excited to see me and made me feel welcome in her presence and she always wanted to know all about the family and what they'd been up to, how everyone was doing etc. she really cared about everyone she knew, I feel. I loved her and I'm so sad to hear this happened and I know she'll be sorely missed by everyone who loved her.

Kimberly Monigold Marshall - March 22, 2022 at 09:50 PM

ML

“ Such a great wife mother and grandmother loved by everybody. She will be missed.



Mark Ledbetter - March 22, 2022 at 09:41 PM

SL

“ Stephanie Lee lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice M. Snelson



Stephanie Lee - March 22, 2022 at 08:20 PM

DB

“ Donna Booker lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice M. Snelson



Donna Booker - March 22, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DB

Love you Aunt Bea!❤️❤️

Donna Booker - March 22, 2022 at 08:20 PM

SS

Oh my goodness, Bobby and all the family. I just can't believe this has happened!! I loved this little woman so much, she was truly one of my dearest friends. But I guess God needed her right now. Please know that all of us are praying for peace and comfort for all of you.

Shirley Scott - March 23, 2022 at 03:52 PM

TV

“ You were a second mom to me growing up. Also many great  
memories of you on the old trail rides.

Terry Visser - March 22, 2022 at 07:44 PM

AW

“ Sending my very deepest condolences to the family, my heart sank when I heard about this. I loved Bernice and working with her and she is truly missed.



Alice Wilson - March 22, 2022 at 07:05 PM

DM

“ Destiny Mondragon lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson



Destiny Mondragon - March 22, 2022 at 06:41 PM

PB

“ Love ya Aunt Bea! 💜💜💜



Paula Blair - March 22, 2022 at 06:17 PM

ZC

“ Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson



Zandra Christy - March 22, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RW

“ *Ricky Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**Ricky Wolfe** - March 22, 2022 at 05:31 PM

PH

“ *You'll always be there when we are playing cards. Of course we won't have to watch for you "cheating" though....love you!!!*

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**Phyllis Hardridge** - March 22, 2022 at 05:04 PM

JR

“ *Joan Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Snelson*



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**Joan Reynolds** - March 22, 2022 at 03:09 PM