



## Rhenda Kaye Mills

July 31, 1942 - January 17, 2013

Rhenda Kaye Bonner Mills passed away on January 17, 2013 , at the Hospice Center at St Joseph Hospital, Harrodsburg Rd, Lexington, after a 20 year battle with cancer. Mrs. Mills was born on July 31, 1942 in Vanceburg, Lewis County, KY., and was the daughter of the late William "Bill" and Eula B. Parker Bonner, She was affectionately known as "Miss Rhenda" to generations of children, youth, and adults.

Rhenda obtained her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Berea College in 1964 and began work as a Public Health Nurse in Lewis County, KY. When she retired as a public health nurse from the State of Kentucky, she was the State Nurse Epidemiologist. She worked tirelessly to better the health of Kentucky's children. She was a long term member, pianist, and Chancel Choir singer at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Frankfort, and also taught the Little Learners Sunday School Class for decades.

Rhenda married Doyle Mills on June 3, 1978, in Vanceburg, Lewis Co, KY.

In addition to her husband, Rhenda is survived by one son, Cheyenne (Mandy) Mills of Lexington, and one granddaughter, Melody Rose Mills. She is also survived by four brothers and sisters: Dane(Debbie Garrett) Blankenship of Vanceburg, KY; Rebecca (John) Silvey of Vanceburg, KY; Teresa (Tom) Dedman of Georgetown, KY; and Boni Rae (Tom) Lester of Winchester, KY. She is also survived by cousins Denny (Donna) Bonner of Lexington, KY; Gary (Theresa) Bonner of Beach Island, SC; Jim (Velma) Bonner of Cincinnati, OH; Terri Bonner, Lu Ann Evans of Catlettsburg, KY; and Mike Flinders, Debbie Flinders, and Steve Flinders all of Newburg, Indiana. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Vickie S Mills of Artemus, KY. and two aunts: Lena Parker Lashbrooke of Maysville, KY and Marie Flinders of Newburg, Indiana

In addition, Rhenda leaves behind many other extended family members, church members, statewide public health nurses and friends, who will miss her.

Visitation will be held from 4 pm until 8 pm, Friday, January 18, 2013 at St Paul United Methodist Church, 1800 Louisville Rd, Frankfort and Saturday from 11 am until the hour of the service.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30pm, January 19, 2013 at St Paul UMC, Frankfort, KY with the Rev. Elvyn Hamilton officiating. On January 21, 2013, a brief visitation will also be held at Vanceburg UMC, Vanceburg, KY

from 11 am until 2 pm, after which burial will follow in the Black Oak Cemetery, Vanceburg, KY.

Pallbearers will be family and friends. Honorary pallbearers are the St Paul United Methodist Women, and the current and past members of the Little Learners Class.

A special thanks to the staff of Central Baptist Hospital, Baptist GYN Oncology, CBH Infusion Team, Bluegrass Palliative Care, Hospice of the Bluegrass, and her many other doctors, nurses, and their respective staffs.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Paul UMC Building Fund or to your favorite children's charity in her memory. LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Guestbook @ [ljtfuneralhome.com](http://ljtfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Miss Rhenda was so priceless, so beautiful and so special that words do not do justice. She blessed everyone that even came close to her. She is missed. She is now sitting at God's feet and smiling up into his face.##imported-begin##MaryAtchison##imported-end##

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“ Doyle, I just wanted you to know that you are in our prayers. Rhenda had a wonderful joy and spirit that will be greatly missed, but I know she's singing and rejoicing in heaven!##imported-begin##CharlieShoemaker##imported-end##

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“ Nancy and I will miss Rhenda. When my father and mother had the Parker reunion on "Thompson Ridge", I remember seeing her excitement when she and my father spoke about the Parker family genology. She definitely became the leader for the Parker Reunions with##imported-begin##DavidParker##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Rhenda. She endured a lot, but from the times I saw her, she was always upbeat.##imported-begin##LaurelGreis##imported-end##

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“ I miss you Rhenda.

*I can still remember all the good times we had together at work or just getting together to eat and catch up.*

*Doyle my heart goes out to in your time of grief and if there is anything I can do to help during this trying period p##imported-begin##CaryMoore##imported-end##*

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“ JUST WANT TO SAY SORRY TO ALL THE FAMILY..##imported-begin##MISTYALTVATER##imported-end##

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“ We have many happy memories from our years in Clown's 4 Christ. Our, sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ernie andCloyd##imported-end##

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“ Doyle, I am so saddened to hear of Rhenda's passing. She was an amazing lady. I remember meeting her for the first time as a child at the CHR building. I had gone to work with my Mom. She took me to Rhenda's office. At first I was afraid because "she give##imported-begin##NancySturgill##imported-end##

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“ Doyle, my husband and I were so very sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved Rhenda. We remember meeting her years ago, when we all ran into each other for a dinner out. Such a good hearted person, and from the comments made by others, she touched [KarenArmstrong-Cummings](#)”

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“ Jim and I will greatly miss Rhenda. It has been our privilege and joy to know her through all these many years. It's hard to imagine the Parker Reunion without her bright smile and delightful humor. I know she will be deeply missed by all whose lives [JanetBieber](#)”

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“ Rhenda was a good friend & I will miss her at MarketPlace & the Ruggles board meetings. I always liked sitting with the 2 of you. I'll never forget her music classed at MarketPlace. Sometimes she would have everyone hold hands and follow her around the room [DonnaShoemaker](#)”

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“ I will always remember Rhenda as Mrs. Claus. She was genuine in her role and brought many smiles to all the children that visited the Homemakers Children's Holiday Store. What a blessing she was. We will miss her. [RitaBelen](#)”

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“ My deepest sympathy to Rhenda's family. I met Rhenda in the 70's at the Health Dept. Rhenda introduced me to Scottish Dance. Her love of life and her energy to enjoy it was always amazing.##imported-begin##JordanNeel##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sad to have learned of Rhenda's passing. She was always so pleasant, smart, and a leader in our nursing class. "Hugs" to her family and friends. I will miss her. Jennie##imported-begin##JennieHoehne##imported-end##

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“ I was telling my students aabout how Rhenda spent so much time with me at the hospital and how we met at the art festival. We felt like we had known each other forever. My "earthly angel" is now a heavenly angel! Thank you Miss Rhenda for shari g your lov##imported-begin##CarmenThompson##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda introduced me to Scottish dancing when I was a teenager. She was part of our family and I will always have the memories of Rhenda and Doyle going with us to dinner for the Birthday Club. She was an inspiration to me. Always happy, smiling, and will##imported-begin##JenniferRiedel##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sympathy##imported-begin##NancyFouser##imported-end##

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“ Doyle - So sorry to hear th9s news. I was so glad to see you a while back. I know she was the love of your life and you will have so many good memories. Just know that god will always be by your side. With much sympathy. Linda Mitchell##imported-begin##LindaMitchell##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda Kaye and I have been friends since birth, grew up together , went through school together, and shared so many special times with one another. She always said that when "Penny", my husband got me, he got her too!! I will miss her gentle nature, he##imported-begin##LucilleNunnelley##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doyle and Family,  
I was once a part of Rhenda Kay's family as wife of her nephew, baby brother, Jim Bonner. When we had our daughter in 1967, born in Maysville, Ky., Rhenda came and stayed with me all day until she was born at 5:00 pm., hence the##imported-begin##BettyBulgin##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda was a nursing classmate of mine. She was the happiest member of our class..all smiles and laughter. We spent many hours together in clinicals and doing reports in the back of a van to and from work sites.##imported-begin##DorisWilson##imported-end##

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“ Doyle,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Laura##imported-begin##LauraDicks##imported-end##

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“ Doyle -  
I hope you know how much we all loved her and she will be missed.  
Please reach out to us if we can help with anything. I am sorry that I  
will not be able to return to KY for her services.##imported-  
begin##MindyWise##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her faith was  
manifested in everything she did. I will forever remember her  
kindness, patience, warmth and her marvelous sense of humor -  
even in the most trying of times. We will all miss having her in  
ou##imported-begin##BettyReynolds##imported-end##

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“ Kathie and I are so sorry to hear of Rhenda's passing. Know that she will be fondly remembered. Rhenda was my childhood friend and classmate in Vanceburg.

*She was a fine person and an enduring friend.*

*Lucien and Kathie Johnson##imported-begin##LucienJohnson##imported-end##*

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“ Rhenda will always be remembered for her big heart and her tremendous sense of humor. We will miss our special friend Rhenda.##imported-begin##Mike & AliceRice##imported-end##

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“ Miss Rhenda is having a ball in heaven playing with all the babies! She always told me that's what she would do when she got there. She's with Bill and Eula having a fine old time and just waiting for the rest of us to get there. She was truly one of the##imported-begin##MelissaRussell##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda was such a sweet lady. I have a picture of she and I dancing at Shannon's wedding. What fun she was. I'll miss her always.##imported-begin##KarenJohnson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doyle, Our deepest sympathy to you and the family. Rhenda devoted her life to tending to the health and well being of others. She will be greatly missed.  
Peace and Love from all of Doll Morton's family.##imported-begin##CathyMorton Ward##imported-end##

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“ Will always remember you Bill and Eula. We shared many happy days together growing up in Vanceburg. Will treasure them.##imported-begin##MargaretEvans##imported-end##

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“ She was a very special person to me and helped me in my early years at the health dept here in Pike County. Loved her clown stories. She will be forever in my memories##imported-begin##SherryCollins##imported-end##

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“ John & I met Rhenda & Doyle in our early Frankfort days of 1978. During the blizzard of '78, we visited with Doyle & Rhenda & mutual friends at our apt. complex. Snow was up to our knees, and the State & schools were out. Rhenda was such a friendly, easy-g##imported-begin##ShaylaMettile##imported-end##

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“ Rhenda was truly one of the world's living angels. She was one of the nicest, sweetest people I have ever known. Rhenda, Beulah Turner, and myself became friends in the 1970's. We always looked forward to MCH Conferences and KPHA so we could see Rhenda”

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“ She was the best of good persons. Bless you for being her family.”

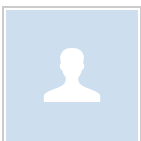
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“ Doyle and Cheyenne,

Please accept my most heartfelt condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. I always believed that one of Rhenda's greatest joys was bringing happiness to others. She seemed to put others ahead of herself”

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“ Doyle,

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of bereavement. I am a widower myself, having lost my late wife to bone cancer. I therefore have some idea of what you're going through. It is not an easy process, but our Heavenly Father helps us”

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“ I remember Rhenda from Parker reunions in the past, from the early 80's, and her constant smiles. As this was a shock to read in an email today, we send our prayers and deepest condolences to her entire family.

Love, cousin Valerie (Parker) and Dan Matthes

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“ I dropped out of the Berea Nursing Program in 1962 but was so proud of Rhenda and the others who graduated and selflessly gave so much back to their communities. Rhenda was and remained a leader for the Berea nurses. At our last reunion, I formed an indel

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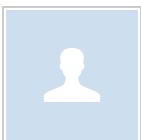
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“ Doyle, Rhenda was a special person and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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“ Your family has my prayers. Rhenda was a sweet spirit. I will miss her service as "Mrs. Claus" during the annual holiday store. She was so pleasant to talk to.

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