

Obituary for Bonnie Jean (Rahn) Cook, 89, April 9, 1925 to April 21, 2014.

Her Memorial Service is scheduled for 11 AM April 29 at First Methodist Church of Suwanee, GA. In lieu of flowers, family is suggesting donations to Hospice Volunteer Association.

We remember her as our loving, caring mother of three children (Karen Berry of Lawrenceville, GA, Greg Cook of Port St Joe. FL, and Doug Cook of Colorado Springs, CO), grandmother to six (Bonnie, Adam, Amy, Peter, Haley, and Maddy), and great-grandmother to four children. She was always there for us. As we grew up and went out of the house, she lived for the all too rare family reunions, especially the big family meal at her big table. She selflessly took care of her aging mother, Granny Rahn, for over twenty years to see Granny to her 105th birthday. Following that, our family is very grateful for the likewise generosity Greg and Deb gave Mom, caring for her in her waning years.

Bonnie Rahn was a child of the Great Depression and was just out of high school during WWII in Moline, IL. She met our father Capt. Charles (Charlie) Cook in Moline just after he came home from the war. A momento we have is Dad's car registration that Mom used at the end of their first evening of dancing to write her phone number in lipstick. "Call me"! A few days later she brought Dad home to meet her family. Grandpa Rahn took her aside and said "That's the man you are going to marry!" and so they did on Nov 11, 1945. Mom worked to get Dad through college helped the GI Bill. He started off on his career as a ceramic engineer in Ohio. All three her children were born there: Karen, Greg, and Doug. We grew up in Benton Harbor, MI where Mom and Dad lived for 18 years. We had a rich home-life in this simpler "Mayberry" small town. I can still smell and taste the big Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in that house. Mom and Dad had a very active social life there. We annually went to Illinois for huge family reunions. Mom and Dad moved on to Rock Spring, GA through Dad's retirement. Granddaughter Haley remembers her spotless house that she constantly redecorated to look like her chosen latest page out of 'Southern Living.' Haley remembers Grandmas's sweet voice and loving hugs and playing there with cousin Adam by the creek. After Dad passed, Mom moved to Lawrenceville to be nearer family. Her last few years were living in Port St Joe FL with Greg and Deb. They took care of her to the end. Family was there with her in a reunion in her last days. Deb says that Mom's last words days before she passed. "I'm hungry now. I'll have a big bowl of chili and a waffle with peanut butter". Before she ate her meal she went back to peaceful sleep to the end. She will finally rest in peace next to Dad in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

