



## Bonnie Ann Balthazor

November 10, 1932 - October 7, 2012

Bonnie Ann Balthazor, 79, of Fort Collins, died October 7, 2012 at her residence. Bonnie was born November 10, 1932 in Palco, Kansas to Elmo Belisle and Eva Hamel Belisle. On June 5, 1950 Bonnie married Leland E. Balthazor. They lived in Ft. Collins for the past 50 years. Bonnie was a Teacher's Aide at Irish Elementary School. She was also a homemaker and a wonderful mother. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and worked at Mary's Closet for many years. She loved watching Nancy Grace, sleeping in till noon, and wore her pajamas everywhere. She had many friends and she was AWESOME! Survivors include her two sons, Dennis Balthazor of Palco, Kansas and Kaylon Balthazor of Dallas, Texas; a daughter Jennifer Koehler of Wellington, Colorado, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Preceding Bonnie in death are her parents, husband, a son, Randall Balthazor and her sister, Frances Keeton. A visitation will be held Thursday, October 11, 2012, 6 – 8 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Burial services will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Pleasant View Cemetery in Palco, Kansas. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I have known Bonnie since the 1970s when her husband, Lee, & I taught together at the Alternative Learning Center, later being accredited & becoming Centennial HS. Our staff at this school became extended family for all the years to come -- not just the staff, but the families of the staff, as well -- being there for each other through weddings, funerals, moving houses, and regular potluck "family reunions." Those of us still in the Colorado area have still maintained our reunions, getting together for brunch, going to the opera, & trading used books at Christmas time. Bonnie was a part of our group, and will be greatly missed. She will always remain in our hearts.

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**Carol Tarter Petersen** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I remember all the great times I've had with Bonnie. Our wonderful trip together and the many times we ate together will always be special to me. I so much wanted to attend the visitation, but I headed to the hospital myself with a heart problem. I will be thinking of your family and wishing you peacefulness. Alta McCafferty

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**Alta McCafferty** - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ To Jennifer and Dennis: Our families go back a long ways. Your Dad and Mom were wonderful. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting with your Mom when I would meet her downtown or in the apartment building. I know my Mom treasured her friendship. She truly was a great lady who will be missed. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Linda Arnett and Duane Arnett** - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was saddened to hear about Bonnie. I am a teller at First National Bank and enjoyed seeing her and visiting. She was a wonderful lady. I also would see her at St. Joseph's on Sundays. She will be missed.

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**Diane Broyles** - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Jennifer, Jim and families, so sorry to read about your mom. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Nanci Sipes** - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IG

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**Ida Gonzales** - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Ida Gonzales** - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. When my mother moved here in 1996 from North Dakota where she had lived her entire life the first one to befriend her was Bonnie and mom loved the times they spent together. For that reason alone we are grateful to Bonnie but, as we came to learn more about her, her sense of fun, compassion and her deeds, she continued to grow in our eyes. What a great legacy she leaves to all who loved her.

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**Bill & Ellen Switzer** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bonnie at Poudre R-1 many years ago. She was always happy and friendly and I have often thought "what would Bonnie say?!?" when I found myself in challenging situations. I will look up every night and think of the newest twinkling star fondly.

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**Kerry Queen** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Lee and I worked together at Centennial HS so I knew Bonnie a bit. Please accept my sympathy on your loss.

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**Isabel Garity** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I worked with Bonnie at Mary's Closet for several years & loved her! She brought such light & fun to our work there & always kept me laughing. I will truly miss her, but she will always be with me when I work there!

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**Kim Normandin** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I have had the honor and privilege of assisting Bonnie with her medications for the past few months and send my deepest sympathy and condolences to her family. She was a wonderful woman who I very much enjoyed visiting with. She spoke fondly and lovingly of her children and grandchildren who all meant the world to her. I will miss her smile and cheerful visits. May God bless her family and friends and provide strength and comfort to you at this difficult time.

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**Judy Gilbow** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was a teller at 1st Nat'l Bank on Oak. And I always loved when Bonnie would come in the bank. What a sweet, sweet lady! I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort at this time.

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**Debbie Seader** - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM