



## Bonnie Louise Ulrich

January 16, 1932 - July 27, 2020

Bonnie Louise (Hammond) Ulrich was born in Waterloo, Iowa to John Morrison Hammond and Eleanor Agnes (Kenney) Hammond on January 16th, 1932. She graduated from Scottsbluff Highschool in 1949 as a member of the National Honor Society. She moved away to attend the College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1953. She studied music performance and teaching, and often performed in school chorales and theater. She was a White Rose Circle Lifetime Member of the Kappa Delta Sorority 'PI' Chapter since 1951. She was also a National Music Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority Member while at the University of Nebraska, where she received her teaching certificate in 1951. She was a soloist and soprano who even sang at her own wedding and for other friends' weddings.

She began her teaching career in Genoa, Colorado at age 22, in a tiny K-12 school, where she met Stanley Strickler Ulrich from Lititz, Pennsylvania. He was 7 years her senior and had begun teaching after his military service and education at the University of Colorado, Boulder. They married on June 17th, 1954 and continued teaching in Fort Morgan, CO until they signed up for the Department of Defense as civilian teachers so Stan could fulfill his dream of seeing the world. They taught 2 years in France and 3 years in West Germany, where they adopted their only child Christina Daniela from Kinderheim Veigold before returning to Timnath, CO in 1961.

She began her Kindergarten teaching career with Poudre School District, after a year at Cache La Poudre Elementary as a Music Teacher when Stan was the principal of the Junior High. She taught for nearly 30 years at Barton Elementary School and retired in 1991 after 38 years of dedication.

She and Stan loved to travel, and they visited Egypt, Europe and Greece several more times together.

Bonnie was a loving grandmother and after retirement took care of her grandsons so her daughter could attend Colorado State University. She was a long-time volunteer with PRSEA and CRSEA teacher's associations and for Volunteers of America in the Mail

Brigade and Grocery Shoppers teams.

She found most of her joy in singing to the Lord with her parish choir at Saint Joseph's for over 53 years!

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents John and Eleanor Hammond, husband Stanley S. Ulrich in 2013, her sister Barbara Kimmel and beloved Grandson PFC Benjamin K. Likes in 2014. We know that she is singing in Heaven with the Angels and worshipping our Almighty Creator with no more tears. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Christina Ulrich-Jones and son-in-law Larry Jones, who have spent these past seven years caring for her and enjoying her company through the challenges of Lewy Body Dementia. She is also survived by Grandson, Richard Dempsey and family of Ft. Collins, Granddaughter Megan Jones and her husband, Josh Sibetang, of Nampa Idaho, and 2 great grandchildren, Carson and MJD.

A Rosary will be held at 1:30 pm, followed by a Memorial Mass at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Interment with her husband, Stan, at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO. Bonnie asked for donations in lieu of flowers to be sent to CRSEA Fort Collins Chapter in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite B, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Comments

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“ I knew Bonnie through the Senior Center, Salvation Army and her wonderful husband Stan. She was a true lady and gave so much in many ways. The biggest way that I can remember is her being there for Stan during his many, many volunteer activities and for her wonderful daughter Christina. Bonnie will always be remembered by me. God definitely Blessed her. Ann Leffler

**Ann Leffler** - Yesterday at 04:49 PM

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“ I had the privilege of singing with Bonnie in the choir for many years, sitting right next to her. She not only was able to unfailingly hit all of those impossibly high notes, but she could read music better than most, so we all relied on her talent. She was such a gentle, sweet soul, but with a strong commitment to her family and her choir family.

**Elizabeth Sanchez** - August 07 at 03:46 PM

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“ I sat behind Bonnie in the St Joseph's Choir for many years and she never complained about my singing, so I know she has a special place in heaven. She sang Soprano in the choir for many years and I was always impressed with her musical competence. Now she can sing with the angels....

**Larry S Metz** - August 06 at 11:02 AM

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“ Mrs. Ulrich was a wonderful person and touched the lives of so many youngsters as a Kindergarten teacher. We will love you and miss you always. Sending hugs to Tina and Larry who have been such constant and loving supporters. May God hold you close at this time. Roberta and Bill Choma

**Roberta Choma** - August 05 at 03:14 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories of Bonnie was playing cards with her and other choir members Anne and Claire. Bonnie trashed us all with such quiet glee, with that little smile and taking no prisoners. :- ) I loved singing with her!

**Jessica Healy** - August 04 at 03:29 PM

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“ Just the mention of Bonnie's name brings her happy, smiling face immediately to mind. How lucky we were to share the choir loft with her at St. Joseph. God is no doubt marveling at those highest notes Bonnie sings with ease - just as we did. Rest easy, sweet Bonnie. You will be greatly missed.

**Carol Bennis** - August 04 at 03:07 PM

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“ I started to Genoa schools in 1953, Miss Hammond was my music teacher. The romance of Miss Hammond and Mr. Ulrich created a sensation that I have never forgotten. While I am saddened to learn of her passing, I am happy to know that she has heard, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Steve Ottem

**Steven A Ottem** - August 04 at 09:37 AM

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“ My heart goes out to Christina and family and you grieve Bonnie's passing. Bonnie was a kind, beautiful soul - and it was a pleasure to know her. I am glad she is at peace and know she is in a better place with her grandson and Stan. Rest in peace Bonnie.

Katy Mason

**Katy Mason** - August 02 at 06:20 PM

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“ Mrs Ulrich was my kindergarten teacher at Barton Elementary. My hope is that every child has a teacher like her to start their school years. I'm a twin and my sister and I were not in the same kindergarten class. It turns out I was the shy one when we were apart. I remember Mrs Ulrich hugging and supporting me and not pushing me to talk during show and tell until I was ready. That was 45 years ago and I remember the care she showed. My sister invited her to my bridal shower and SHE CAME! it was the most precious gift i recieved that day. My condolences to your whole family. Mrs Ulrich was a wonderful woman and she will be missed by many.

**Milli Brown Brooks** - August 02 at 03:12 PM

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“ Mrs. Ulrich was my daughter's kindergarten teacher & I was asked to hang around that first day of school to help with any students or parents that might be experiencing a difficult time starting school. The amazing thing was Mrs. Ulrich had all of her brand new students in the palm of her hand! She spoke very quietly & all of those little kids were mesmerized by her! She was the BEST teacher & I've always remembered how, when I snuck back into her classroom to see how everyone was doing, the kids were all leaning forward & listening intently to their fearless leader for the coming year! They were in VERY CAPABLE HANDS! What a wonderful teacher she was!

**Jan Bradshaw** - August 02 at 01:04 PM

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“ Bonnie was the perfect kindergarten teacher--patient, calm, always prepared and always had her pupils mesmerized and attentive. I had the pleasure of working with Bonnie for four years at Barton and was amazed at her kindness to her students. Never did I hear her raise her voice at any student. She was devoted to her family.

She was a beautiful human being.

Oh, how much she must be enjoying singing in that big choir with the angels!

Bette Bodak

**Bette Bodak** - August 01 at 03:24 PM

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“ Mrs. Ulrich was my kindergarten teacher and long time family friend. I am sure my reading and pasting skills come from her patient teaching skills. Whenever I have to list a favorite teacher, I list her! My family listened every week to hear her lovely voice during mass. . I will miss her! Teresa Sobieszczyk

**Teresa Sobieszczyk** - August 01 at 11:47 AM



“ Teresa, are you related to Andy Dobieszczyk? I knew him for several years as a mail carrier. I worked at Old Town station from 1979-91, then at the main office on Boardwalk until 2010. He - like Bonnie - was a kind and gentle soul. I always enjoyed bringing a wry smile to their faces.

Doug Wyffels

**Doug Wyffels** - August 02 at 06:38 PM

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“ Mrs. Ulrich was my kindergarten teacher at Barton in 1968. I remember her being kind and warm and I have wonderful memories of my first year in school.  
Kim Crane

Kim Crane - August 01 at 09:43 AM

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“ Mrs. Ulrich ruled! Luckily, she was my kindergarten teacher and a huge positive female a influence in my life. Blessed are the teachers! Thank You Mrs. Ulrich

K H R - August 01 at 12:15 AM

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“ Aunt Bonnie was my great aunt on my mother's side. Her sister was my grandma who died before I was born. From 14 on til a few years ago,Aunt Bonnie and I would write letters to each other. I always got a birthday card but at 14 she got the age wrong. So I wrote her and that's how the letter writing started! I was fortunate in 2013 to be able to go visit her after not seeing her since I was 5. I'm sure she's in a better place where hopefully she is with Uncle Stan, Grandma Barb, her grandson and other family and friends!

Kelly Fuerhoff - July 31 at 08:01 PM

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“ There are stories to be told of the Adventures of Driving Miss Bonnie to/ from choir and to/ from church for several years. There was always a lot of laughter going on in the car as we navigated to and from St. Joseph like two high school girl friends. The two best ones that I can remember would be the time there was a blockade put up on Shields on the way home with a detour that would take us through the university. Thirty minutes later, we were still hopelessly lost on the grounds of CSU laughing to the point of tears streaming down our faces. We eventually got out of there alive. Another time we were coming home from choir practice and the adventures of driving Miss Bonnie became Thelma and Louise are headed home. We got pulled over by the police due to my headlight being out. The policeman had me roll down the window and inquired as to where we were coming from and where we were headed to. Thelma – Bonnie, proceeded to confront the officer verbally with a tone of irritation in her voice saying, “ We were at choir practice and now we are headed home. Why did you pull us over?” “Your headlight is out Ma’am.” “Well if that is all, you need to let us go.” I turned to Thelma, “You are going to get us arrested.” We both smiled demurely at the nice police officer and he let us go with a warning to get that headlight fixed. We howled the entire rest of the way home wondering how we would have fared together in jail. I will miss singing with Bonnie at church and her friendship. She was a kind and thoughtful person. She had a lovely voice and was the Descant Queen. I know Bonnie that you are up there somewhere singing with the angels and showing them how it is done. And may I sing with you again one day in

Paradise. I love you Thelma!

**Stephanie Goes** - July 31 at 07:19 PM



“ Oh, how funny, Louise!! I can just see the two of you buzzing home in your Bug. You brought much joy to her final years she graced us with on this Earth. RIP and glory, Tremolo Thelma!

**Doug Wyffels** - August 02 at 06:45 PM

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“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Louise Ulrich



**Laura** - July 31 at 06:59 PM

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“ ChrisTina Ulrich-Jones lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Louise Ulrich



**ChrisTina Ulrich-Jones** - July 31 at 06:21 PM