



## Mrs. Bonnie Calhoun Williams

November 5, 1950 - August 23, 2024

Bonnie Calhoun Williams, a member of the Scripps Hall of Fame for Journalism Excellence, died August 23, 2024. She was 73.

Born in Langdale, AL, she was the daughter of Samuel J. and Annie Jo Kent Calhoun and the granddaughter of Dr. Samuel J. and Ada Louise Bryan Calhoun.

Bonnie graduated from Valley High School and LaGrange (GA) College. After a brief career in banking in Atlanta, where she met lifelong friends, Bonnie returned to Langdale and became the Lifestyles Editor for the Valley Times-News. Bonnie's newspaper career took her to the Managing Editor's job at the Dalton (GA) Daily Citizen News and Pagination Coordinator with the Rome News Tribune and its community newspapers. Bonnie later became a public relations writer for Clemson University before ending her career after more than ten years as Editorial Page Editor for the Scripps owned Anderson Independent Mail.

Bonnie's editorials were twice recognized at Scripps National Journalism Awards Ceremony at the Washington Press Club and her induction into the Hall of Fame at Scripps National Headquarters in Cincinnati, OH. Bonnie also received journalism awards from the Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina Press Associations.

Her friend, mentor, and former editor, John Huff, said “It’s tough to lose a beautiful soul like Bonnie. I knew her as a smart, talented, journalist who truly cared about our Upstate community and its people, about our state and our country, and who worked hard to shine the light of compassion and positive ideas into our lives. I knew her as a friend who never wavered in her love and support. Sweet and tough. Smart with great humor. She was a wonderful friend. Over 45 years of the news business, I never worked with any better journalists or had any better friends than Bonnie and her husband, David.”

Bonnie is survived by her husband: David Earl Williams II of Seneca; and her brother and his wife: John Clay and Nancy Calhoun of Langdale, AL.

Johnson-Brown Funeral Home in Valley, AL will announce services.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Hello Mr. Williams this is Tally from Golden Corner Vet. You and your family are on my mind this week following the loss of an amazing talented woman. She will be missed and if you need anything please do not hesitate to ask my friend.

tally - September 04, 2024 at 01:00 PM

KC

“ So very sorry David.

Kerry Capps - August 30, 2024 at 05:04 PM

KG

“ David,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! Bonnie was such a dear friend! I will always remember the fun times we had together at the Independent-Mail and the many lunches we shared. She will be missed.  
Love,  
Kathy Gibson

Kathy Gibson - August 27, 2024 at 04:24 PM

GW

“ David,  
Earnestine and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of difficult. May God's Peace and Strength be with you at this time.  
Gene and Earnestine Williams

Gene E. & Earnestine R. Williams - August 26, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ *Doug and Linda R, Nix lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonnie Calhoun Williams. David we are sorry for your loss. Love and prayers!* ❤️  
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**Doug Linda R.** - August 25, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *David,*  
*I am so appreciative of the short time I got to spend with Ms Bonnie. She always brightened my day with her wonderful sense of humor. She will always be my queen president.*  
*Frances M.*

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**Frances McGuffin** - August 24, 2024 at 04:15 AM