



## Bonney Jean Whitesell

July 5, 1930 - August 22, 2016

Bradenton, FL-Bonney Jean Whitesell, 86, of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Monday, August 22, 2016 in Bradenton. Bonney left us to join her husband, Donald Eugene Whitesell, who passed away exactly six weeks earlier on Monday, July 18, 2016, a true testament to their never-ending love. Bonney and Donald met in the summer of 1961 and were married that November of 1961. Never apart, they shared their lives and love for almost 55 years. Together they will be laid to rest.

Bonney was known for her avid fresh water fishing. She enjoyed catching, cleaning and cooking fish for all of her friends and family, even though she was highly allergic to all fish. She also had a calling for her personal canning abilities, especially hot peppers. Bonney was a great gardener and once grew a patch of sunflowers 12 feet tall, which landed her picture on the front page of the news. When Bonney wasn't fishing, canning, cooking or gardening, she was happy just being a wife and mother.

Bonney lost her oldest son Richard Riale in 1969. He was a Marine serving our country during the Vietnam War. Bonney and Donald's four surviving children are Dessie Whitesell, John Whitesell, and Bonney Milton, all of Bradenton, Fla., and Andrew Riale of Knox. Bonney has one surviving sister, Arlene Frary of Alpena, Mich. and two surviving brothers, Milton (Bodo) Hanson of Alpena, Mich. and Arthur Joseph Hanson of Spring Lake, Mich.

She is also survived by six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A double Memorial Service for Bonney and Donald will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. CDT at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Friends may come and celebrate their lives at a gathering at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. After the service, please follow the family to Bonney and Donald's final resting place at Fletcher Cemetery in Hamlet where Donald will receive a Military Honor Service for his time served in the Korean War.

May we find peace and comfort knowing that although they left us, they left together.