



## Bonnie Thorne Blalock

February 22, 1928 - January 23, 2021

Dr. Bonnie Thorne Blalock went home to our Heavenly Father on Saturday, January 23, 2021. While on this earth, she made this world a more beautiful place through her loving kindness, her generosity, her abounding energy and her positive outlook on life.

Bonnie was born on February 22, 1928 to parents George Hall and Idabelle Baker in Houston, Texas. She was the oldest of four children: George Hall Jr., Felix Baker and Idabelle Moore. As a young girl, her mother would punish her by not allowing her to go to church. Bonnie married her childhood sweetheart, Oscar Lee Thorne. They were married for over 50 years. They had a son, Oscar Lee Thorne Jr., who they lost in 1972. The Thornes lived in Huntsville, Texas for over seven decades. When Bonnie was nearly ninety she married Mr. Ben Blalock, a former mayor of Huntsville.

Bonnie was a lifelong learner and educator. She began her academic career at Lon Morris in 1947. After many years and many other institutions she achieved her PHD in Library Science/English. She continued to study computer science applications to Library Science at Sam Houston State University. In 1961 she began teaching at SHSU and retired in 2002. Her list of awards and publications is literally too long to list here.

However, Bonnie Thorne Blalock's most noteworthy accomplishments were in the lives of the people around her. Ever generous, positive and kind she encouraged so many by providing a place to live, motivating young people to complete their education, serving at First Baptist Church where she had been a member for nearly 70 years and working in her beloved community and city of Huntsville. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Ben Blalock and her numerous nieces and nephews.

We would like to invite you to share how Bonnie Thorne Blalock blessed your life by going to <http://www.shmfh.com> Go to obits and click on her name. Services are at First Baptist Church Huntsville On Friday, January 29 at 1:00. Viewing is at 12:00. For the safety of all please wear your mask. To view the service online go to [fbchuntsville.org](http://fbchuntsville.org)

# Cemetery

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## Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery

13747 Eastex Fwy,  
Houston, TX, 77039

# Events

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**JAN 29** **Visitation - Masks required per family request** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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First Baptist Church of Huntsville  
1229 Ave J, Huntsville, TX, US

**JAN 29** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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First Baptist Church of Huntsville  
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# Comments

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“ Elaine H. Allen lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Thorne Blalock



elaine h. allen - February 01 at 07:20 PM

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“ Bonnie and my mother were great friends. She always had such a beautiful smile and spirited energy. I was sitting in church with her the Sunday Mr. Blalock returned to First Baptist and proposed to her that day. I am so sad that I learned of her funeral too late to attend. Due to the virus we are all out of touch. Much love to her loved ones, Barbara Sloan



Barbara Sloan - January 29 at 07:55 PM

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“ Bonnie was a precious lady. She loved her family, her church, and it's people. We were proud to have known and be loved by Bonnie! She will be missed by many here on earth as she rejoices in Heaven with those who have gone before her. Love you Ms. Bonnie

Gary and Susan Mayrant

Susan Mayrant - January 29 at 07:44 PM

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“ Bonnie was a light to the world. I work for Dr. Greg Peter, her Chiropractor that she saw from about 1983 to 2021. We will so miss her . She brought grace, southern charm and a beautiful attitude to us each time she entered our office. We will all miss her so very much.

**Terrie Whitson** - January 29 at 12:32 PM

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“ My Mother, Helen Wheat, and Bonnie were good friends at the SHSU Library, and possibly some of the women's clubs. My Mother died at 80 years old, so I was surprised to have the news of Bonnie's long life. As a little girl, I went with my Mother to have a lunch of tuna fish sandwiches at Bonnie's house. My Mother loved to tell the story later that we ate our sandwiches with Bonnie's best silver. I guess my Mother remarked on this and Bonnie said "I sure am not going to let it sit in the closet for Oscar's second wife to use!" It hurts deeply each time someone from my childhood is no longer here.

**Rebecca Wheat Fuller** - January 29 at 12:25 PM

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“ The Matthews Family lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Thorne Blalock



**The Matthews Family** - January 28 at 11:33 PM

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“ Lost a Beautiful Angel this week, she will be greatly missed by so many, Mrs Bonnie hope that you and Mr Thorn are having a good visit!!!! We love you but know you are in a better place

**peggy kroesche** - January 28 at 07:36 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Thorne Blalock.



January 28 at 12:17 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Thorne Blalock.



January 27 at 06:13 PM

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“ Bonnie always made me smile whenever I was around her. Heaven is a little better today with her there. I will miss her, her smile and her energy  
Greg Peter

**Greg Peter** - January 27 at 03:34 PM

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“ Leslie, Sarah and TJ Smith purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Thorne Blalock.



**Leslie, Sarah and TJ Smith** - January 27 at 02:01 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Thorne Blalock.



January 27 at 08:55 AM

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“ I was born and raised in Huntsville so my memories of Bonnie are many...Sunday school teacher, friend, and always made you feel special when you were with her.  
Mary Ann Ney Blasdel

mary Ann Blasdel - January 26 at 10:37 PM

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“ Dr. Bonnie Thorne Blalock was a wonderful person. She will be missed. Condolences to her family members and many friends. She was so kind to my son, Zachary.

Allan Rushing - January 26 at 09:02 PM

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“ Beverly Stewart lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Thorne Blalock



Beverly Stewart - January 26 at 08:36 PM

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“ I have known Dr Throne for many many years. When she was working on her doctorate at Texas women’s University, she would give me a ride home on weekends. Dr Throne was one of my professors when I was at Sam. She was a wonderful teacher and always very kind. She will be greatly missed. She touched so many lives.

**Kristy Lea Christensen** - January 26 at 12:14 PM

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“ A wonderful lady, Christian, and teacher.

**David Henderson** - January 26 at 10:37 AM

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“ Mark Chalker lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Thorne Blalock



**Mark Chalker** - January 26 at 07:48 AM

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“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonnie Thorne Blalock



**M. Hyvl** - January 25 at 06:39 PM

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“ Miss Bonnie was an outstanding lady and great friend to me, my folks, Earl and Eunice Evans, and my maternal grandmother, Beatrice Myers, over many years. I always enjoyed visiting with her at the post office, grocery store, and at Huntsville High School Ex-Students Association Annual Reunions with Ben Blalock. I will miss her. Mickey S. Evans

**Mickey S. Evans** - January 25 at 06:02 PM



“ Such a lifetime family friend. Bonnie was full of kindness and joy as she embraced life and people. My childhood was full of memories of Bonnie, Oscar and Corky. Such a special bond with all three of these wonderful people. I know my family in heaven is happy to reunite with her. Bonnie will be missed. Anita Sherrill Natale

**Anita Natale** - January 25 at 09:10 PM



“ Bonnie was an integral part of First Baptist Church in Huntsville. She documented every event with picture albums and scrapbooks of events at FBC. She was one of the “historians” of the church. Most of all Bonnie was a fine Christian woman who cared about everyone. When my family moved to Huntsville on 1971, she and Oscar took us under their wings and mentored us. She has always kept up with my family throughout the years. She modeled kindness and a loving spirit in everything she did. She will be missed.

**Karen Henderson Rhynard** - January 26 at 11:48 AM



“ Growing up in Huntsville, Bonnie Thorne was “another mother” to me. She always had a smile and encouraging word....even when correcting the mischief Corky and I got into on a consistent basis.

**Lynne Werner** - January 27 at 09:10 AM



“ Bonnie Thorne was an extraordinary friend and teacher to me and Leanne. And, Corky and his folks were a special part of my growing-up years. We will cherish our memories of Miss Bonnie. She was a bright light of goodness, optimism, and energy. With our love to Mayor Ben and all the family.

Mac & Leanne Woodward

**Mac Woodward** - February 01 at 10:26 AM



“ A fine southern lady with such wit, charm, and a beautiful spirit. Bonnie (and Oscar) were special friends who opened their home and dinner table to me when I was a student at Sam. Later, Bonnie supported my writing career in endless ways. I look forward to seeing again one day at heaven's gate. May God bless Ben and the rest of her family.

Tim Lewis

**Tim Lewis** - February 02 at 08:59 AM