



## Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon

August 20, 1932 - May 19, 2019

Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon, 86, of Jonesville, VA was born in Marlboro, OH and passed away on May 19, 2019 at the Wexford House in Kingsport, TN. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Jonesville. She had retired from J.R. Hoe & Son of Middlesboro, KY after a career of over 40 years.

Elinor was preceded in death by her husband, Kemp Bacon, daughter, Reba Allen, parents, Harry and Mary Wearstler, brother, Richard Wearstler, and sisters, Beverly Shaffer and Shirley Carter.

She is survived by two daughters, Terry (Jackie) Hensley and Gail (Roger) Waddell; two granddaughters, Rachel Cole and Rebecca (Berry) Maggard; two great-grandsons, Graham Maggard and David Cole; brother, Jack Wearstler; sister, Carol Wearstler; son-in-law, David Allen; a special friend, Susie Bledsoe; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway, VA with Rev. Bobby McPherson officiating. Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery for services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Cornerstone Baptist Church, 631 Texas Drive, Jonesville, VA 24263.

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(276) 546-2523

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

MAY 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Gail, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Deepest Sympathies,*

*Jerry and Betty Crusenberry*



**Betty Hines Crusenberry** - May 23, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Elinor was a very special friend to me. We shared our lives daily with laughter. Every opportunity I got to lighten her day I gladly did. When we were together it made my day. Thank you to Terry and Gail for giving me the opportunity to get to know their mother as I did. She will be greatly missed by me, I loved her dearly.*

**Susie Bledsoe** - May 23, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Gail and Terry praying for you. Your Mother was a sweet Lady.*



**Kyth and Debra Banks** - May 22, 2019 at 06:49 PM

RT

“ *Ruth Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



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**Ruth Taylor** - May 22, 2019 at 07:55 AM

JC

“ *J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



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**J. Bruce Catron** - May 21, 2019 at 11:58 AM

BR

“ *Gail - you and your family are in my prayers. Pastor Bob... First Christian - P. Gap*

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**Bob Richards** - May 21, 2019 at 10:25 AM

EB

“ *Elinor's husband, Kemp worked for my dad as a butcher at the G&G Super Market for many year. Kemp was a good friend to my dad. I'm sure Elinor was just as amazing as he was. On behalf of the Edward Graham family (Edwina, Cathy & Chuck)*

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**Edwina Bailey** - May 21, 2019 at 08:59 AM

HH

“ Elinor was a very dear person to JR Hoe and Sons, and to the Hoe family - 3 generations of them. Elinor broke 'the glass ceiling' long before most women ever heard of it. She was the first woman to work at JR Hoe, starting in 1966, when the office was composed of the 5 older Hoe brothers that has started the company, and 3 younger ones coming in.

The story is that the older Hoes argued over hiring her thinking that 'it was no place for a woman to work.' But they did and on her first day the office consisted of 8 males and 1 female. My dad said that within one month Elinor was so efficient and had charmed them all to the point that the older Hoes then argued over which of them should walk her to her car each afternoon.

She was very skilled at her job and loyal to the company. As in alot of offices, for years Elinor kept the place in order while the guys got all the credit. She was a source of calm when crisis came along - she helped steady the ship. In app. 1990 she became Office Manager and helped carry the company into a new age.

ALL the shop employees through the years cherished Elinor. She treated all of them with such respect and they trusted her absolutely. Some of the younger employees in her latter years called her Mama Bacon.

The company is 110 years old this year. If not for Elinor, I seriously doubt it would have made it this long.

Elinor was a gem!

On behalf of The Hoe Family  
HH 'Bo' Hoe

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**harry Hoe** - May 21, 2019 at 08:29 AM

RC

*What an incredible story about my grandma. It makes me proud to have a woman leave behind a legacy like that. And how lucky that she could work for a company that would consider her family before an employee. I know my grandma would have never told this story herself, but I am thankful that you shared such kind words in her honor. Thank you.*

**Rachel Cole** - May 21, 2019 at 10:36 PM

DW

“ Terry and Gail! You are in my thoughts and prayers!

**Diane Wolfe** - May 21, 2019 at 08:14 AM

DW

“ Diane Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



**Diane Wolfe** - May 21, 2019 at 08:13 AM

WF

“ Willie And Missy Cook And Family lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



**Willie and Missy Cook and family** - May 21, 2019 at 07:45 AM

CH

“ *Claudia Howard lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



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**Claudia Howard** - May 20, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KJ

“ *Kitten And Eddie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



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**Kitten and Eddie Johnston** - May 20, 2019 at 08:22 PM

KJ

“ *Kitten And Eddie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



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**Kitten and Eddie Johnston** - May 20, 2019 at 08:20 PM

LK

“ *I am so sorry... my heart goes out to the family. I will always hold fond memories of my aunt Elinor. My prayers n thoughts are with y'all.*

*Love n kindest regards,*

*Linda Kinser (& daughter), Nikki Gilbert*

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**Linda Kinser** - May 20, 2019 at 08:15 PM

TS

“ Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



Teresa Smith - May 20, 2019 at 07:39 PM

RH

“ Robin & Jr Hall lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



Robin & Jr Hall - May 20, 2019 at 05:41 PM

JJ

“ John And Charlcia Jones lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



John and Charlcia Jones - May 20, 2019 at 05:09 PM

HM

“ Helen Marcum lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon



Helen Marcum - May 20, 2019 at 04:38 PM

HM

*So sorry for your loss!*

**Helen Marcum** - May 20, 2019 at 04:38 PM

PW

“ *Pam And Larry Warner lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



**Pam and Larry Warner** - May 20, 2019 at 03:53 PM

BR

“ *Beverly Ringley lit a candle in memory of Elinor Louise Wearstler Bacon*



**Beverly Ringley** - May 20, 2019 at 02:17 PM

SH

“ *Sorry for your loss Gail. Prayers for your family/*



**Sue Haynes** - May 20, 2019 at 02:13 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your great loss of a sweet lady.  
Prayers for comfort and peace to each of you.



lib Terry - May 20, 2019 at 01:34 PM

JC

We are sending prayers and condolences to the family of Elinor. These are from Jerry Stephen Carroll and my sister Marilyn Dianne Smith. We have known the family from a long time ago. God Bless and comfort you all.

Jerry Stephen Carroll - May 20, 2019 at 04:56 PM

JD

Gail, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Davidson - May 20, 2019 at 05:34 PM

TL

Gail and Terrie my heart goes out to you both. I know what you have gone through with your mom. I just want you both to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God keep you in his loving arms for comfort , strength and peace. Tammy Lockhart

Tammy Lockhart - May 20, 2019 at 10:21 PM

KH

Gail and Terrie, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. The Harris family (Kathy, Chaston, April and Britni)

Kathy Harris - May 21, 2019 at 09:30 AM