



Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle

August 26, 1929 - July 17, 2025

Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle, age 95, of Raven, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Bernice was born on August 26, 1929, in Red Ash, Virginia, and was the daughter of the late John Matthew Lawson and Fannie Cline/Johnson Lawson. She was a 1947 graduate of Richlands High School and had attended college. Bernice was a "Jack of all trades". In 1966, she was hired as one of the first teacher's aides at Raven Elementary. She later worked as a Singer Sewing Machine dealer, at the Virginia Employment Commission, and sold insurance for Peoples Life Insurance, which later became Monumental Life Insurance Company. Bernice owned a variety shop where she sold flowers and taught ceramics. She was an active 4-H leader. After all those "trades", she worked at Walmart for 19 years in fabrics and crafts, where she later retired at the age of 89. She was a prior member of the Raven United Methodist Church, where she also taught Sunday school, and some years later became a member of the Richlands First Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Checker" Parson Cordle, a son, Douglas Eugene Cordle, and a sister, Geraldine Lawson Cole Yearout.

She is survived by her:

Daughter:

Elizabeth "Anne" Cordle of the home

Daughter-in-Law, Margaret "Margo" Jane Bays of Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Sister, Joan Lawson, Bishop of Bridgeport, West Virginia

Several family and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Ola "Bernice" Cordle will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 21, 2025, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, with Rev. Annette Warren officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens, located in the upper mausoleum at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Family and Friends will serve as pallbearers. The Cordle family will receive friends from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gethsemane Baptist Church Backpack Program, 2902 Clinch St, Richlands, VA 24641.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, oversees arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Live Streaming will be available

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Tribute Wall

NK

“ Anne Im so sorry for your loss Bernice was such a sweet soul She gave me advice on sewing and to learn something new everyday to keep my mind sharp Her labor is over and now she can rest in Jesus' arms RIP Bernice ❤️

Nancy Keen - September 05, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JR

“ I worked with Bernice at Walmart. Bernice was a good person and she was always so kind to my mother. Mom really liked Bernice and stayed friends with her for years. That means so much to me.

Joe Ratliff - July 22, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JR

“ Joe Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Joe Ratliff - July 22, 2025 at 01:47 PM

PJ

“ Anne, You have been such a wonderful & faithful daughter, companion, and caregiver to your Mother. Our prayers are with you and May the love and grace of our Father comfort you. I always loved Checker, your Mother, Mrs. Lawson and you & your brother, Doug. I have such adoration for you Wish I could have been there for you. I know with all her friends and family she was given a great send off. Heaven has gained a true angel.

Phyllis & Earnest Jackson - July 21, 2025 at 10:16 PM

BR

“ Anne,
We send our heartfelt condolences to you
during this sad time.
Berenice always had a smile to share and kind
conversation when & where our paths crossed.
May God grant you His peace & love in the
days ahead.
Terry & Bobbie Ray



Bobbie Ray - July 21, 2025 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Ann I am sorry for your loss ..I will be praying
for you sweetie. Your Mom was a kind and
always had a smile on her face! Love you my
sweet friend! Peace be still!



Heather McGlothlin - July 20, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ Ann,
I was deeply saddened to hear of Bernices passing. She was not only a dear friend but also a remarkable woman and she was a joy to work alongside. Her warmth, kindness, and beautiful spirit touched so many lives—including mine—in so many ways, and I feel truly blessed to have known her.



Please know that my heart is with you during this incredibly difficult time. May you find comfort in the love she gave, the memories you shared, and the legacy she leaves behind. If there is anything you need or any way I can support you, I am here.
Love you
Kay Griggs

Clementine Griggs - July 20, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Clara Franklin Corell lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Clara Franklin Corell - July 20, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ Sue Hale lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Sue Hale - July 20, 2025 at 10:46 AM

PS

“ Pat Cooley Shamblin sent a virtual gift in memory of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Pat Cooley Shamblin - July 20, 2025 at 07:48 AM

MA

“ Ann I am really sorry to hear about such a big loss of your precious mother. I have a lot of good memories with Bernice working in Pounding Mill Walmart. I had to cover craft n fabric department during her breaks I was little hesitate to cut the fabrics. She teaches me how to hold a scissors to cut the fabric. How to measure it by yards. Every day when I went to work I usually passes from her department just to say Hi to my friend. We had a lot of lunch breaks together dad (Muhammad) always enjoyed her company too. She also visited our home in Cedar Bluff bring some fabric for my mom, also give her some tips about seeing machine. She was very hard worker sometimes when I seen her I say Bernice you need to rest she said to me Madiha I will die if I rest to much I want to live. She always inspire me keep going don't give up on your hurdles. i always like to get advice from her. My Condolences goes to Ann your mother will never be forget. Bernice you will be missed . Rest in peace. May God give you high ranks Haven. Say good by from us (Muhammad's Ashiq Family)



madiha - July 20, 2025 at 12:52 AM

MA

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madiha - July 20, 2025 at 12:41 AM

SL

“ Anne, Your mom was the best.She was so kind to everyone. Such a loss to our community. Thinking of you with sympathy,
Shirley Lawson

shirley lawson - July 19, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ Usman Ashiq lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Usman Ashiq - July 19, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LC

“ *Lula Collins lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle*



Lula Collins - July 19, 2025 at 08:54 PM

BH

“ *Beth Hill lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle*



Beth Hill - July 19, 2025 at 08:31 PM

BR

“ *Anne, I am so sorry tho hear of Bernice's passing. She was truly a
very special person. I will never forget my young days with her in 4-
H. I will always be grateful to her for teaching me to sew and taking
me to cooking competitions. She was a winner! I will miss her.*

Brenda and Bill Richardson - July 19, 2025 at 08:24 PM

PW

“ *Anne, I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mother. I always
enjoyed our chats together, and she was such an encourager to my
daughter. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers. Patricia Hale
Webb*

Patricia Webb - July 19, 2025 at 06:52 PM

PW

“ Patricia Webb lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Patricia Webb - July 19, 2025 at 06:49 PM

KR

“ Ann, Margaret and I are so sad to hear about Bernice. We were hoping to get to visit with her. She was very special to us . May God be with you in the days to come. Keela Rose and Margaret Mcglothlin

Keela Rose - July 19, 2025 at 06:30 PM

AL

“ Dear Ann,sorry to hear of your mom passing.she was a fine lady,always good to me.I know their was a lot of freinds and family waiting her Alan Lankford Bristol Tn.

Alan Lankford - July 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CM

“ Anne, we are so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very special lady and a dear friend. Love and prayers to you and the family.



Cathy and Ronnie Mabe
Tim Herndon

Cathy Mabe - July 19, 2025 at 02:52 PM

SA

“ Steve&Susie Addison sent a virtual gift in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Steve&Susie Addison - July 19, 2025 at 11:14 AM

TM

“ Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - July 19, 2025 at 10:05 AM

KK

“ Kip and Donna Kirby lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle



Kip and Donna Kirby - July 19, 2025 at 09:11 AM

KS

“ Kathy Sneed lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Kathy Sneed - July 19, 2025 at 12:24 AM

FW

“ *Such fond memories of her at Raven Elementary; always with a smile on her face and there when we needed her!*

Frank White - July 18, 2025 at 10:34 PM

GA

“ *GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle*



GlendaRB Altizer - July 18, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SL

“ *Anne, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Momma was so precious, so special, so charming and so very loved. May the Lord give you strength and comfort during this difficult time by wrapping His loving arms around you. My prayers and love go with you. In His love,
Sharon Powers Lowe*



Sharon Lowe - July 18, 2025 at 10:06 PM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle*



Charlotte Vencille - July 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM

GC

“ Glenna Cordle lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Glenna Cordle - July 18, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JH

“ My sweet aunt Bernice! You will always be in my heart. Always kind, always patient, always loving. You taught me so many things: to tie my shoes, to mow the yard. To make ceramics, to grow plants, work a garden, and oh yeah...how to pop my chewing gum! Many, many great memories from my childhood that still are vivid in my mind. I know you are in a special place in Gods Kingdom! Can't wait to see you again.

Johnny

johnny hooker - July 18, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JF

“ Oh, Anne i am so heartbroken for you! Your best friend has gone before you!! There are no words to comfort you! Only God can give you comfort beyond understanding! Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted! Love and peace. Judy Fowler

Judith G Fowler - July 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM

CM

“ I worked with Bernice at Walmart she was the sweetest and was quick to help anyone with any and all things fabric. Praying for Anne and the rest of her family.

Christina Miller - July 18, 2025 at 07:17 PM

CM

“ Christina Miller lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Christina Miller - July 18, 2025 at 07:15 PM

WD

“ Wanda Deskins lit a candle in memory of Ola
"Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Wanda Deskins - July 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

DR

“ Deborah Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory
of Ola "Bernice" Lawson Cordle



Deborah Roberts - July 18, 2025 at 04:48 PM

TH

“ My heart is broken, I loved Bernice she was a wonderful lady and a
joy to work with. She will be sadly missed.

Teresa Hicks - July 18, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 18, 2025 at 04:21 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - July 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM

AP

“ *Alice Pyott lit a candle in memory of Ola "Bernice" Cordle*



Alice Pyott - July 18, 2025 at 03:47 PM

KH

“ *Very sweet lady. Condolences to her family.*



Karen Joyce Hale - July 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JG

So sorry Anne. Bernice was a special lady!

Judy Sargent Gauldin - July 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM

CS

Anne, I have not seen you for many years, but I wish to extend my and Jean's condolences to you! Jean and both of our children went to some of her ceramic classes, and they were just talking about it and how much they liked Bernice. Of course we have seen her at Wal-Mart and here at our home when Uncle John was still living! May the Lord bless and comfort you at this time. Clyde and Jean Smith

Clyde S. Smith - July 19, 2025 at 11:14 PM

HR

Bernice was one of a kind, she showed kindness to everyone...she was a great lady! I remember her coming to our home to show Mother how to use her new Singer Sewing Machine. She was so kind and patient. Every time I saw her, I hugged her, she was a friend to everyone. She was a wonderful part of the Richland's Community. Her love for people, set her apart. I can envision her in Heaven, meeting and hugging all her friends from Richlands, who went home before her...What an awesome Reunion. May our Lord bring comfort to all the family in the coming days and thank you for sharing your Mother with all of us.

*Love and prayers,
Harry and Charlotte Robinett*

Harry/Charlotte Robinett - July 20, 2025 at 02:01 PM