



Yvonne M. Tedder

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Yvonne M. Tedder embarked on her next adventure on Monday, February 01, 2021.

Preceded in death by her husband William Tedder and her parents; Thomas and Elizabeth Burnett.

Loving mother of Thomas Tedder, Sr., Jennifer Tedder, and Eugene McEachern; grandmother of Thomas, II; sister of Robert, Thomas and Jimmy Burnett. Yvonne is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Yvonne was born in Baldwin Borough, the daughter of Elizabeth and the late Thomas Burnett. While a student in the Baldwin Whitehall School District, she pursued many music activities including playing the trumpet, piano and organ, and participating in the band, chorus and orchestra. She was an avid sports enthusiast, running track with her three brothers and playing softball or basketball when the opportunity presented itself. At the age of sixteen, Yvonne was asked to play the organ at Sunrise Baptist Church. After graduation from Baldwin High School, she received a partial scholarship to attend Carnegie Mellon University to pursue a career in music. In college, she was a member of the music sorority, Sigma Alpha Iota and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and served as the AKA sorority graduate advisor for the University of Pittsburgh.

Yvonne graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and received several academic awards including the Dean's List. After graduation, she began teaching music from her home school district of Baldwin Whitehall. Yvonne was the first and only black teacher for many years. She completed post graduate work at the University of Minnesota and Duquesne University. She taught at McAnulty, Paynter and Harrison Middle Schools in Baldwin. For several years she was the co-operating teacher for student teachers from Carlow College and a mentor teacher for new music teachers entering the Baldwin Whitehall School District. During the summer, she was one of the brass instructors for the Baldwin Highlander Marching Band. Yvonne retired after 36 years



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of encouraging her community's children to love and appreciate the art of music. Honors of mention: "Honorable Mention" for "Teacher of the Year" and "Who's Who Among American Teachers".

Yvonne's commitment to be involved with church work has directed her to be a part of the church music ministry. She played in church orchestras, or brass ensembles and directed numerous choirs including Sunrise Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Ministry Choir in Youngstown, Ohio was a rewarding and blessed experience for Yvonne. Yvonne also served in an after school program to help "at risk students" called Melting Pot Ministries in the South Hills.

Family and friends are welcomed on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 6 to 8 pm & February 4, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Rd. Pleasant Hills. A Celebration of Life Service will be held for the immediate family on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10 am in the Funeral Home's Chapel, services will be available via Zoom. Interment at Jefferson Memorial Park. Online condolences may be shared at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.

In compliance with CDC guidelines only 25 people will be allowed to gather in the visitation room at a given time, please be prepared to wait outdoors, facial coverings are a must and physical distancing is encouraged.



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RF

Rev Elmore Lockley And Family posted:

Our prayers are with the family

February 9 at 3:57 PM

KS

Karen Sterzinger posted:

I remember Mrs. Tedder as the chorus teacher at Paynter Middle School. What fun we had in chorus and during all the shows we used to put on. R.I.P Mrs. Tedder you are missed.

February 5 at 6:34 AM

BJ

Barbara And Jenn posted:

Thank you Mrs. Tedder. You instilled a lifelong love of music in my daughter as her middle school band/music teacher that still follows her today.

February 4 at 2:28 PM

RC

Rose Marie Chalovich posted:

Our condolences to the Tedder/Barnett family. Yvonne was a sincere, kind, and loving woman of faith. May our good God lead her on this special journey home...

February 4 at 7:28 AM

AG

Aja Gaulden posted:

There was never a moment where I didn't feel welcomed by Aunt Bonnie every time Mom & I made it up to Pittsburgh to see her & the rest of the family. I will make sure to fill out the many drawing notebooks she passed on to me from my last trip to see her. - Aja Gaulden, South Carolina.

February 4 at 4:01 AM



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HC

Heather Cooper posted:

Aunt Bonnie truly loved life, and absolute faith in our Lord. She was an example of a truly virtuous woman and spread the love of Jesus to everyone she touched. She was funny, intelligent, adventurous and loved to travel. Many of my happiest memories were with my Aunt Bonnie. I will always love her and try to live life as well as she always did! Love, Heather

February 3 at 4:38 PM

HC

Heather Cooper posted:

Rest in Heaven my dearest aunt. You brought joy to everyone around you. I know you are in perfect peace in Heaven. Love Heather and the Cooper family

February 3 at 4:31 PM

LF

Love- Rose Ann, Chrisp & Family, And Sheree & Family posted:

Bonnie's warm heart, faithfulness to God, and dedication to the ministry of music touched all that knew her. She was loved dearly and will be missed.

February 3 at 3:20 PM

TB

Tbts posted:

The Brothers of A-Phi-A, TBTS (Patrice, Andre, Rod, Russ, Walt, Mark, and Paul) send heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the Tedder Family.

February 3 at 2:20 PM

GG

Geoffrey Giancola posted:

As with some other shared memories, we too were fortunate to have Mrs. Tedder as a teacher for both of our children. Attending the respective concerts of our children, we were so moved by her compassion for music and motivating her students to participate. She left an indelible impression on our family. As a retiree, working at Giant Eagle, I would always make it a point to talk to Yvonne and to thank her for the lasting impression she left on us. A great, great lady and will be sadly missed. Our sincere sympathy to her family. Geoffrey & Joanne Giancola, along with Adrienne and Gregory.

February 3 at 12:39 PM



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Dennis Dodds posted:

To the Yvonne Tedder Family, On behalf of the Board, Staff and families of Melting Pot ministries, I would like to express our sympathy and condolences for your loss at this time. We at Melting Pot were truly blessed by the love and support that Yvonne showed during her time of serving in our various programs. It was quite evident that she believed in the vision and mission of our ministry, and saw her time as an opportunity to continue her love for teaching and mentoring our children. We are praying that the love of God, the peace of God and your many memories of Yvonne help to sustain you throughout this difficult time and the days to follow. Remembering Psalm 34:18, \"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.\" Sincerely
Dennis Dodds Board Secretary/Treasurer

February 3 at 11:27 AM



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RH

Renee Rieland Hrezo posted:

Mrs. Tedder taught my 2 older sisters and I piano in the late 80's, early 90's. I just learned she taught my mother briefly too. We cannot recall how we learned of her, but we think it was the recommendation from another mother in the Baldwin/Whitehall area. We attended St. Gabe's, while she taught the public schools. What I can first recall - while I waited for my older sisters to finish their lessons - is that I mostly looked forward to Jen coming over. We'd swing on my backyard swing and then she'd sit in the living room while I'd practice with her Mom. We always set out our high-backed dining room chair for her, to the left of the piano, where she could look over our shoulders, assessing our progress. We only used these dining room chairs for special occasions like Thanksgiving dinner. Obviously, we wanted her to be comfortable, but looking back it seemed more out of respect for someone who was so talented - a classic musician, this woman - in our home! Out of the 3 of us girls, my sisters were more dedicated than I. My eldest sister Tara would practice Andrew Lloyd Weber songs like those from Les Mis or Phantom, my sister Natalie, as I recall, trying to master Bohemian Rhapsody. I on the other hand, was a terrible student. I never practiced, even though each week I'd have anxiety knowing I was going to really let Mrs. Tedder down. Mrs. Tedder was quiet, but she did command the room. It was business when she came in, though she was not intimidating. She was just, what I would personally consider, a classically trained musician - on a higher level - highly intelligent, always thinking, always listening. During the school year, she would arrive - promptly at 3pm - after teaching. Always dressed well - very professional - some mix of a woman's blazer, skirt (always below the knee), a blouse buttoned up - to the neck. Earrings, studs I recall. Very crisp. She always, always, always, (quietly) chewed mint gum, I think Double Mint, and she always wore perfume - one that if I'd be in a store later in life would stop me dead in my tracks wondering if I had just missed her! While her music abilities are much greater than I ever realized, to the Rieland's, the piano and Mrs. Tedder are synonymous. And because of her, the piano has become a familiar instrument in our own homes. My eldest sister, the most avid player, has owned a piano as long as I can remember - taking it with her from apartment to apartment, home to home as she's moved throughout the years. My other sister has hers in their dining room, where her kids - who too have taken some lessons - will play. She too will jump on when the mood strikes. And while I never learned to play, a dumb decision looking back, my husband Bill Hrezo - who also knew Mrs. Tedder and Jen from growing up in Baldwin, plays regularly at home on ours. And, though my parents have since moved from our childhood home, we still have that same piano - the piano she taught 3 little girls, who are now grown women. And, they still have the high-backed dining room chair she sat in - still reserved only for special occasions. Mrs. Tedder - I hope you are up there playing with the greats that came before you (and maybe YOU are teaching them something)! Thanks for giving our family your time and lifelong memories! Godspeed and all our love to Jen and the entire Tedder/Burnett families. Love Renee (Rieland) and Bill Hrezo

February 2 at 10:56 AM



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BS

Brunswick High Football Coaching Staff posted:

Thinking of you & your family during this time. You & your family have our deepest sympathy. We Love You! #AllAboutTheFamily

February 3 at 4:17 AM

EA

Elva Andersen posted:

Our family was blessed to have had Mrs. Tedder as music teacher for our three children. She was always kind, loving and effective in helping them to enjoy playing and listening to music. She was everything a person could hope for in a teacher who gave freely of herself to the children in her care. We send our condolences to her family on the loss of a sweet, sweet lady. Elva and Ted Andersen

February 2 at 3:32 PM

JB

Johnny And Shonta Butts posted:

No matter how old we are, it is never easy to lose a parent. Take comfort in your memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 2 at 3:18 PM

AE

Adelaide Eperthener posted:

Please accept my sympathy & prayers for your mom & her family. I did not know Mrs. Tedder personally but met her at Baldwin middle school at concerts for 4 of my nieces & nephew during the 90's. She was so accomplished & brought out the best in her students musically with her quiet, caring & expert demeanor. On occasion my mom & I would meet her & her mom at local grocery store and we would chat about her teaching. She was very humble & caring about the students. What a special gift she has been to your family & generations of children in the community. We were blessed that she gave so much of her talents. Thank you Mrs. Tedder. - Addy Eperthener

February 2 at 1:50 PM

MM

Monica & Mary posted:

As you grieve know that our hearts and prayers are with you. From our heart to yours...

February 2 at 1:07 PM



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AM

Amanda Mainarich posted:

Mrs. Tedder was a fantastic teacher; kind, encouraging and genuine.

February 2 at 12:49 PM

LI

Leroy Benton Jr, Jenkins High And Benton's Income Tax posted:

We are praying for the Tedder family during their time of bereavement. We pray for the Lord to comfort you and continue to keep you.

February 2 at 12:43 PM

KB

Kirsten Bilbie posted:

Mrs. Tedder was an exceptional chorus teacher. She was so very kind and patient. I will never forget her smile and how she always encouraged me. My sincere condolences to her family. Today the angels are lucky to have her.

February 2 at 12:30 PM

DE

Dave & Kathy Ellis posted:

With our sympathies for a wonderful neighbor.

February 2 at 11:55 AM

CF

Coach Braddy & Family posted:

Our hearts go out for the Tedder Family. Prayers of strength & comfort from the Braddy Family in this time of loss.

February 2 at 11:43 AM

CK

Caroline Key posted:

The world has lost a wonderful woman. I will be forever grateful for her patience and kindness in piano lessons and orchestra. 🎹 🎷 ❤️

February 2 at 11:18 AM



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CA

Caroline Key (Andersen) posted:

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February 2 at 11:16 AM

VG

Vera Gaulden posted:

I'm so happy 2 yrs ago, I got a chance to visit with my dear cousin. It's was a wonderful time with the family. Aja and I truly loved Bonnie. I enjoyed our conversations. Going to Eat n Park, together. Bonnie . your lifht will shine always. A beautiful life. Love and prays to my family . God will keep and take care of you.

February 2 at 11:04 AM

DR

Denise Rollin posted:

I remember (Miss Burnett) Mrs. Tedder as my music teacher at Skyline Elementary school. It was her first teaching position after college. I will always remember her soft gentle manner and kind soul!

February 2 at 10:56 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Yvonne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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