

Bonnie Rae Dansie Parkin

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There are a few special people who come into your life that make a difference. Sister Parkin did that and more. I was about to go home after one month on my mission. They picked up me up took me to their home and she put me to work cooking while learning everything there was to know. Later to find out she had not understand a word through my thick northern accent. Her and President Parkin took me to a Halloween party at one of the chapels. I stayed on my mission. You always felt like it was just me but she was doing that for everyone. I still use her insight all these years later, are we building ? Yes she was. Sending love to her family and to the many people she touched. Especially at this time to my ELSM brother and sisters.

- Paul Whittaker (Elder Whittaker)

Oh, how we love the Parkin Family! Bonnie (and Jim) have made an indelible impact in our lives. Bonnie was right there for her friends, Lynne and John, when they needed her most. She has helped to shape the character of her boys and their childhood friends. We are the direct recipients of her love, compassion, service, and testimony of Jesus Christ. Sending our love and prayers to her family who were the heart of her life. Much love, Dave and Melisa Nelson

- Dave and Melisa Nelson

Bonnie has greatly blessed the lives of our entire family with her love, caring, and optimism. Her and my good wife Louise became the very best friends when the Parkins lived in Seattle. That friendship has continued and even became stronger. A few years ago Louise had a bad fall, resulting in a severe brain injury but Bonnie has continued her uplifting calls on a regular basis. We are so very grateful to Bonnie, her great husband Jim, and the entire Parkin family for the Eternal blessing that they are to our family. We thank our loving Father in Heaven for that blessing.

- Jim Nelson

How I loved Bonnie! Her smile, her kindness, her zest for the Gospel, her love and ability to lift others, to give of her time, share her talents, and love with true charity to whomever she would come in contact with. Her testimony and love of the Savior was powerful and heartfelt. She truly is an elect lady. How we will miss you. God bless you, until we meet again.

- Carla Rae Cook Jorgensen

My deepest condolences to the Parkin family. I knew Sister Parkin in the ELSM, and it was a privilege to serve with her and be taught by her for those 2 years. I was lucky enough to be a greenie serving in their home ward, the Kingston Ward, when they first arrived in England and she was a beacon of love to the missionaries and the ward from Day 1. I'm thankful for the lessons she taught me, and her great sense of humor. Bonnie was a masterful teacher, making each one of us feel special and able to perform miracles. It is not a surprise that we looked forward to her talks in zone meetings just as much as those from Pres Parkin. I'll never forget going on actual missionary exchanges in Clapham with Pres and Sister Parkin, and the joy on their faces of meeting new people and testifying of Jesus Christ. She always made me feel loved and valued, a gift she gave to everyone she met.

- Craig Waite

My husband Michael spurlin was one of President and sister Parkin's missionaries in London. He said at the beginning of his mission when sister Park in said she loved every missionary he didn't believe her. There were too many of them. It didn't take long for him to realize she truly knew and loved every single missionary! At one point in his mission she tried to commit him to make his bed every morning. He told her he would not commit to it because he knew he wouldn't do it. Guess what sister Parkin? He makes the bed for me once in awhile! We will always love her dearly.

- Rachelle Spurlin

I was a missionary for just a short time with the President and Sister Parkin. I will never forget the conversation I had with them as a missionary, and the love I felt from them. Truly remarkable people in every way. They will be greatly missed, but forever loved!

- Marcus Mahler

Oh, how we will miss sweet, spectacular, beautiful Bonnie. What a remarkable and inspiring life she led, leaving everything she influenced better than she found it. We are blessed to have known such an incredible woman! She taught us every time she spoke, but even more indelibly, she showed us every day, how to live a consecrated life of service, lifting, and love. ❤■

- Bryan and Ruth Todd

I am one of those people that was blessed to be the child of a friend of Sister Parkin. More than once- she provided loving service/support to me. She was a great example to me and I'm glad to have known her!

- Lynette Jafek Sabin

Jim and Bonnie called, and the four of us went downtown with signs to protest a business that was promoting unprofessional shows. You boys were very small, as was my family. Early in the morning, Bonnie would pass me, as we jogged along the fairway of The Salt Lake Country Club. It was easy for me, I only had to walk across the street. She was present when our 10th child passed in 1979. I enjoyed the memorial service today, 11 August 2025. Each of you was fantastic. Love you. I hope our paths may cross soon. P.S. I spoke to my children and they expressed a desire to be remembered.

- Max Clark

Bonnie is one of the very best people we have ever known. She had such a welcoming heart. Even when in a large crowd, if you were talking with her she made you feel that she was focusing on you and that you were important to her. She was loving, fun, thoughtful and unpretentious. She and Jim filled their lives with service, both formal and informal. When she commenced her call as General President of the Relief Society, our ward relief society president suggested that she be released as a visiting teacher because of how busy she was. She declined and said she would like to continue with a young woman transitioning to relief society as a companion - and she chose our daughter. Our lives have been so blessed having Bonnie and Jim as friends and neighbors.

- Dale & Jan Lambert

We remember Jim and Bonnie with great fondness for the brief years we were together in Seattle. We are grateful for the contact we maintained in the years since. We are grateful for the wonderful examples provided by Jim and Bonnie. Of you four boys only Jeff may remember us. Our best wishes to you all as you go on, with your lives filled with the wonderful memories of your mother and all she taught you, and the love she gave you.

- Russ & Virginia Nickel