

Bernice Cushner Wells

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BOSSIER CITY - A Mass of Christian Burial for Bernice Cushner Wells will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Christ the King Catholic Church with Father Rothell Price officiating. Interment will follow at Hill Crest Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Bossier City.

Mrs. Bernice "Bunny" Cushner Wells, 83, was born August 11, 1929 in Ansonia, Connecticut and passed away October 22, 2012. Her parents were Frank and Rose Ann Geary Cushner and she was their first daughter. Her father was a Marine in WWI who encouraged everyone to enter the Marines. Bunny was always proud that her father was the first National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. After graduating from the local high, she entered nursing, graduated as a RN and shortly thereafter, joined the Army. Bunny was assigned to the Army hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. While there, she met a young Air Force Lt. who was preparing for an overseas departure to Okinawa for the Korean War after a training period at Randolph Air Force Base. Shortly thereafter, she became Mr. Douglas Dean Wells.

Bunny always wanted a big family and achieved that dream by having six children, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was a voracious reader and loved learning about different topics such as history, the stock market, and politics. In fact, Bunny even developed her own theory of the Kennedy assassination. Later in life, she found the bizarre obituaries in the New York Times a great source of amusement and had hoped hers would appear there someday along with outlandish tales of feats she had done. At one point, she attempted to climb the Matterhorn, but as she was afraid of heights, was only able to go two feet but was tremendously proud of this accomplishment. Bunny's sage advice to others included helpful insights such as if you were going to commit a crime, be sure to make it a federal offense, as their prisons were very nice. We have no way of knowing how she came by this information.

Bunny is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ret. U.S. Air Force Major Douglas Dean Wells; her children, James Michael Wells and wife Beth, Kathleen Maria Wells, Suzanne Renee Adey and husband Rick, Carol Wells Wallace, Diane Elizabeth Legendre and husband David, and David Malachi Wells and wife Claudia; grandchildren, Henry and Olivia Wells, Christopher and Lauren Gordon, Samantha Simpson, Alex, Dustin and Cody Stewart, Trinity Wallace, Bryan and Sarah Legendre, and Jacob, Margaret and Adrienne Wells. Great grandchildren are Gavin Thornton and Taylor Wood. She is also survived by her only sister, Frances Coss.

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The family would like to thank the staff at the Northwest Louisiana War Veteran's Home for the loving and caring way they helped Bunny in the last stage of her life.

Bunny often expressed a desire that she have enough grandsons to be her pallbearers. She did. Honoring her as pallbearers will be Christopher Gordon, Bryan Legendre, Alex, Dustin and Cody Stewart and honorary pallbearer will be Henry Wells.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that others honor Bunny by doing two things she loved; enjoy a piece of chocolate and raise a glass of Bailey's in her name. Bring your own, she didn't want to share hers.