



Verna Dee Bost

September 25, 1942 - April 19, 2015

Verna Dee Bost passed from this life on Sunday, April 19, in Searcy, Arkansas. Dee was born September 25, 1942, in Clinton, Oklahoma, to Elmer Paul Bost and Lillian Leah Gibson Bost, who have preceded her in death. Dee is survived by her twin sister Berna Lee Bost of Searcy. Soon after being baptized into Christ in 1964, as a young woman she took cousins to Christian youth rallies and door-knocking campaigns. In 1968, she was sent by the Truth Corps to Rome, Italy to work with Keith Robinson in his missionary work. Dee enrolled in Harding College majoring in Art. While attending Harding, Dee served as dorm counselor for girls in Harding Academy. She completed her educational training by earning a masters degree and her Ed.D at the University of Memphis. Dee taught for fourteen years at the Sunshine School in Searcy and worked as the house manager for the White County Group Home. For twenty years she worked in Harding University's Advance Program, helping underprepared students to succeed in their college work. She also was Director of the Academic Resource Center, now the Center for Student Success. Dee had a deep interest in Christian outreach and church life. Since 1970 Dee was a member of the College Church of Christ in Searcy where she was very active in a number of ministries. She worked in the disaster relief ministry, participated in a number of evangelistic campaigns in several states, and was extremely active in teaching Bible studies in the local jail ministry. From its beginning in 2008, Dee was involved in the Caring and Sharing Ministry for which she maintained valuable records of contacts and

conducted personal Bible studies. Visitation with Dee's family will be at 2:00 Thursday, April 23, at the College Church of Christ, with a memorial service to follow at 3:00.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Lee, we just heard of Dee's passing tonight. We are so sad for you. I have lost a sister, and I know your heart is broken. Just know that you are in our prayers. May God hold you close. In Christian love, Barbara and Roy Slaughter

Barbara Slaughter - May 04, 2016 at 03:47 PM

DM

“ Dee was a co-worker and supervisor of mine in 1994-1995 when I was serving as a graduate assistant as I completed my Master's of Education. Dee was very kind to me. I appreciated her professionalism and gentle laugh. (Many times she was laughing at herself.) I have very fond memories of Dee. She was a wonderful blessing to many, many people.

Darin Martin - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

MH

“ Dee was a life-saver for our family, the Henry & Grace Farrars, when we came through Rome as evacuees from the Nigeria-Biafra War. While Grace & children had evacuated and had to leave Henry behind, Dee's welcome was most welcome! I remember Dee and her kindness. Here's the bit that Mom wrote in her book: "Two missionary interns, Dee Bost and Jan....helped us find our way around the city. I apologized for imposing on their time, but they insisted that 'since all roads lead to Rome,' their duty was to help visitors so that the full-time missionaries could get their work done. First I needed money. Dee and Jan took us to the American Express office." It was an uncertain time for us, and Dee and Jan were a reassuring presence. I am blessed by this memory, and I pray that the family will continue to be blessed by what must be an amazing number of the best memories of Dee.

Martha "Marty" Highfield - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

WS

“Dee was a beautiful person, inside and outside. She always seemed to be involved in supporting someone. Because Dee was such a quiet and unassuming individual she always seemed to wait in the background quietly going about her business. I worked with Dee in the jail ministry and she taught me a lot of lessons about reaching out to the ladies in the jail cells. Everyone in the cell knew who Dee was and that she was their friend. Many people will miss our friend, Dee. My prayers are ongoing for Lee.

Wanda Spears - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

BA

“Life is short, and Dee filled hers with so many good deeds. I will miss her as will so many others. She was truly a friend to all.

Beverly Austin - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

RH

“I worked for Dee as a Graduate Assistant in the mid 90's. I had a multi-faceted position in her office...she had me teach learning strategy workshops, be the SI Coordinator and then the Tutor Coodinator. She was very patient as I took on each role. I learned a lot in those positions but I loved getting to know her and her sense of humor. She was very matter of fact but at the same time she would surprise you with her spontanaeity. During her doctoral work, I would travel with her to Memphis for testing. Tedious but necessary...we would finish the testing and then she would take us to lunch and a movie! Some of my favorite memories involve working in her attic office of the Sears House, usually fighting wasps,...talking about everything from faith, perseverance and service to others. Dee was a wonderful, loving influence and I am thankful to have known her.

Rena McCarty Howard - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

DD

“ We shared the Italy connection from years ago. My parents were missionaries in Italy and my sister Lucy also worked with Ketih Robinson in the same way Dee had. Remembering Dee and her humble kindness she always showed to those around her. Praying for Lee and the family as you grieve her loss.

Donna (Shackelford) Daggett - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Dee's passing! I know she will be missed. I have one of her paintings hanging in my home.

Lois Bartley - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

AV

“ Dear Lee, love to you today and in the years to come - God bless you! Take care of yourself!

Alice Vandergriff - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM

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LG

“ I knew Dee at Harding and also was a Art Major. I remember her being so nice. I send my sympathy and prayers....

Linda Hare Glenn - February 10, 2016 at 01:47 PM