



Bonnie Lou Tumey

November 26, 1944 - November 23, 2020

Bonnie Lou Tumey, 75 of Traverse City, Michigan formerly of Freeland, died November 23, 2020.

Bonnie was born on November 26, 1944 in Cincinnati, OH to the late Harold and Freda Voss.

On November 16, 1963, Bonnie married Ken Tumey in Cincinnati, Ohio. Shortly after they married, they moved to Santa Ana, California where Ken was stationed with the United States Marine Corps. While in California, they started their family and their daughter Shawn was born. Ken was honorably discharged in 1965 and they moved back to Ohio where they had their son, Dale who completed their family.

Bonnie became a Tupperware Dealer in 1966 and built a successful business over the next 10 years. That success took her and Ken to Saginaw, Michigan where they operated Star-Brite Sales Inc., a Tupperware franchise, until their retirement in 1998. The business continues on with their daughter and son-in-law and now includes their granddaughter as the third generation. Bonnie was a gifted seamstress, making many of her children's clothes when they were young. In retirement she picked up the hobby again and started Bonnie's Creations and Crafts. She made many beautiful things with Victorian lace and embroidery such as turning sweatshirts into one of a kind jackets that she and Ken sold all over the state of Michigan. She had a love for Swedish weaving and enjoyed teaching others. Her family and friends will cherish all of the special things she made for them.

Bonnie was a devoted member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Council of Catholic Women. She also liked to read, tend to her flowers and travel to Gulf Shores, Alabama. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Bob and Bill; sister Marjo Voss; in-laws Richard and Dorothy Tumey and brother-in-law Kevin Tumey.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ken; daughter Shawn (John) Ferens of Saginaw; Son Dale (Kim) Tumey of Traverse City; grandchildren Jason (Tiffany), Ryan (Megan), Andrea and Charlie Ferens, Ashleigh (Ken) Graham, Evan (Jannah) Tumey and Eric Tumey; four great grandchildren; Brylee and Kylen Ferens and Lauryn and Aubrey Ferens, many nieces and nephews and brother-in-law Gilbert (Debbie) Tumey.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Due to Covid, please wear

your mask and practice safe social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bonnie's honor may be directed to Heartland Hospice, Grand Traverse Area Agency on Aging or to St. Patrick's Food Bank.

Per Bonnie's wishes, cremation has taken place. Interment will take place at St. Andrews Cemetery in Saginaw at a later date.

The family would like to thank Culver Meadows Senior Living for their kindness and compassion as they cared for Bonnie the last two years while she lived with Dementia.

Special thanks also to Heartland Hospice for their love, guidance and support.

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories and condolences with the family.

The family is being cared for by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery

381 St. Andrews Road
Saginaw, MI, 48638

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI, US,
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DEC **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Grandma Tumey will always hold a special place in The Gates Family Heart. She always made us smile and always had an extra blanket and a hug at the soccer games. I will always cherish the "flip-flop bag" she made for me, and the memories made on the soccer sidelines. She was a beautiful soul and will be missed.

Much love, Prayers and hugs sent your way.
Tim, Raneé, Brody & Brayden Gates

Tim & Raneé Gates - December 01, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Bonnie was always so kind and caring. She always made me feel welcomed and included. What a beautiful soul.

Denise, Megan and Corey Braun

Denise Braun - November 30, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ So encouraging, loving, funny and talented. Not a bad example to try and follow! Godspeed Mom.



Dale Tumey - November 24, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Bonnie was a wonderful mentor and leader during my years as a Tupperware dealer and manager at Star Brite Sales. I do remember her saying that her birthday often fell on Thanksgiving and she would have pumpkin pie instead of cake. "I really would like cake for my birthday!" Bonnie was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.

Karen Reynolds

Karen Reynolds - November 24, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Lenny and I were so saddened to hear the news of Bonnie's passing. Bonnie was an amazing lady and so talented. We knew when we first met Bonnie nearly 50 years ago, she was going to be a super star in Tupperware. We treasure all the wonderful memories from the early days and all the conferences we attended, skiing in Tahoe, camp trips, and many more! Bonnie told us many times she learned so much from us but we learned a lot from Bonnie too. Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May God cover all of you with His Love and comfort and Peace.

Betty, Lenny, & Family

Betty Probasco - November 24, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Love and prayers to all may she rest in peace in heaven. Love you aunt bonnie I will always miss you



Jennifer Voss - November 24, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Bonnie always had a way of encouraging everyone she met. I remember her kind and helpful words when we first moved to Buffalo and joined their sales region. We are keeping all of you in our prayers.

Dana Phillips - November 24, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ My heart goes out to the entire Tumey family. Bonnie was a great lady. She taught me alot during my years in Star Brite Sales. Thank you, Bonnie. Peace and love

Sharon Stillwell - November 24, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the Tumey family. Bonnie will be missed for her kindness and beautiful spirit. Heaven is accepting another angel.

Sharon Bostain Voss - December 07, 2020 at 04:29 AM



“ David, Ellen, Mark, Maria & Julie Rapson lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Lou Tumey



David, Ellen, Mark, Maria & Julie Rapson - November 24, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy is being sent to the entire Tumey family. Cherish all of your memories, they last a lifetime. I am so thankful that we had a opportunity to know Bonnie. Hugs, prayers, faith, support and love being sent to each of you.

Ellen Rapson - November 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Prayers for the Tumey family as you go through this difficult time. Bonnie and Ken were the ones that gave Russ and I the opportunity to grow our Tupperware business. I owed so much to Bonnie, she taught me everything I knew to grow my business. She was a very talented person and a very good person. Glad I had the opportunity to have know her.

Patty and Russ Friebe - November 24, 2020 at 07:16 PM