



Jovan "Bonnie" Ann Fort

June 30, 1935 - June 21, 2019

Jovan "Bonnie" Ann Fort, 83, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Friday, June 21, 2019 at Munson Hospice House. Bonnie was born on June 30, 1935 in Ionia, Michigan to the late Anthony and Emma (Cliche) Basso. She graduated from St. Francis High School in 1953. She later attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Butterworth of Nursing as well as Michigan State University. Bonnie was married to Leonard Dale Fort on Dec. 29, 1956. They later separated but remained very close friends.

She had been employed with Bergen Brunswig Pharmaceutical House, as an inventory assistant to the district and sales managers, retiring after 32 years. She was also employed with Sears Retail as an office assistant and in the human resources department for 25 years. At the same time, she was the processing clerk with Traverse City Area District Library. Bonnie also taught CCD pre schoolers at St. Francis. In her spare time, Bonnie enjoyed short day trips, having breakfast out reading, knitting and music, especially the piano. She was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and Lions.

Bonnie is survived by her three daughters; Patricia Sherman, Renee (Don Pfau) Fort and Michelle (David) Blake, a sister, Colleen Hathaway and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Basso. Also surviving are grandchildren; Robert (Jill McCloskey) Connolly, Sarah Blake, Abigail Blake, William Blake, Michael Fort, Patrick Fort, Donald Pfau, as well as great-grandchildren; Brooklyn Fort, Peter Antonini, Ava Marie Connolly, several nieces, nephews and a special friend, Gary Connolly and his family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Emma Basso, a sister, Dolores Taylor, a brother, Louis Basso, an infant brother, Anthony Louis Basso, a daughter, Tammy Bellows, and her former husband, Leonard Fort.

"A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn my angel who was always there for me through the good, bad and sad times, and all who took care of me on my journey."

Friends are welcome to visit with Bonnie's family from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Traverse City Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686 or the Cowell Family Cancer Center 217 S. Madison St. Traverse City, MI

49684.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Bonnie's family at her tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

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

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 28, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ What a way to give your mom. I always thought she was so beautiful so put together. I remember when she'd come home from work and put on her robe. She will always be remembered

Carol - September 19, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ I meant "what a way to send her over to the heavens.

Carol - September 19, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ Bonnie was a wonderful lady. I used to give her many rides home from Sears. My sympathies go out to her family.

Cindy McGoon - June 26, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ I've missed working with Bonnie ever since she retired from the library. Now the world seems like a lonelier place knowing she has passed on.



Jenette Halligan - June 26, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ To My Dear Friend Renee'

I am sorry for your loss, I know that your mom will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy. I love you girl!

Love,
Candy

Chandra Putman - June 25, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ I will miss my sister Bonnie very much. I was there for your final moments so you were not alone. No more worries or struggles. So much family history is now lost but so much was discovered. You are reunited with so many that have gone before. Know you missed them. All my love your little sister Colleen.

Colleen Hathaway - June 24, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ Mom you are for sure going to be missed . I am going to miss are good and bad talks but we always got over the bad ones . Yes you are in a better place and got to see love ones you missed for a long time and now you are at peace with them Live Renee

renee - June 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ I will always cherish our many hours of visiting and sharing Sears stories. Rest in peace my friend. I know you are at peace with your family, especially Louie. You can once again be at his side.

Carol Majszak - June 24, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ In loving memory of Bonnie Fort,
She got her wings and
Flew above all earthly things,
She got her wings,
Hear the angels in heaven sing

Shannan - June 24, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ We have missed her every day since she retired from the library. She was a wonderful person and a wealth of information, especially in regards to book repair. Her knowledge and experience can not be replaced.

Betsy - June 23, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ Mary Marois lit a candle in memory of Jovan "Bonnie" Ann Fort



Mary Marois - June 22, 2019 at 05:11 PM