



Bonnie Jean Ball

April 18, 1944 - March 27, 2019

Bonnie Jean Ball, Kalkaska, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019, with family and her best childhood friend beside her. Bonnie was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 18, 1944, and she and her twin sister, Barbara Jane, were adopted by Irving and Doris Fry, of Kalkaska, at age four.

On November 9, 1963, Bonnie was united in marriage to Roger Quentin Ball and they spent nearly 53 years together before Roger passed in August of 2016. Making their home in Kalkaska, they raised five children, Debbie Ball-Odeh, Teresa Ball, Robert Ball (Heidi Helberg), all of Kalkaska, Tammy Ball (Mike Zarzycki) of Belleville, and Tara Ball, of Romulus, all surviving. Bonnie also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Victoria Wehrmeister (Nick), Christopher Helberg, Micheal Cleggett, James Boyce (Stephanie Levan-Cassar), Quentin Moran, Spencer Hamilton, Jacob Moran, Cheyenne Etchison (Lane Slavins), and Chene Moran, and eight great grandchildren, Dominic and Alyssa Wehrmeister, James Cleggett, Gwendolyn Cassar, Coleson Boyce, Genevieve and Remington Powell, and Charlotte Slavins. Brothers Dennis Fry and Doug Fry (Sharon) also survive Bonnie.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sister Barb.

Bonnie was a life-long musician who played several instruments over the years, but her first love was always the piano. The saying about “tickling the ivories” may have been coined for Bonnie as she was known for improvising every song she sat down to play. Bonnie will be remembered for her love of

wind chimes and hummingbirds, camping two miles from home at Log Lake, watching her “big boats” on the St. Mary’s and at the Soo Locks, and pancake and sausage breakfasts for the grandkids.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Munson Healthcare Hospice (1105 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI 49684) in honor of the end of life care provided to both Bonnie and Roger. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 1 to 4 pm at the Log Lake pavilion on Log Lake Rd in Kalkaska. Cards of condolence may be sent to the family in care of Debbie Ball-Odeh, 2014 E. Estate Rd, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

The family was served by the Wolfe-O’Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Log Lake Pavillions
2475 E. Log Lake Road NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Jean Ball*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Bonnie Jean Ball*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF BONNIE'S PASSING. I HAVE KNOWN BONNIE SINCE CHILDHOOD DAYS. SHE WAS ALWAYS PLEASANT, FRIENDLY AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE TO GREET YOU. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER ENTIRE FAMILY.*

PATTY RODGERS - April 06, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ *Oh what a sweet lady!!!!!! she was always a bright spot in my day when she came to see us in Rad/Lab area at the hospital. She was always "Full of it" and i don't think she ever came in to see us that there wasn't a smile on her face. What a wonderful lady we will miss her. My prayers to her family at this difficult time. My god wrap his arms around all of you and and help ease the pain of this great loss.*

Laura

Laura - April 04, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Deb and family,*

So sorry for you loss. I didn't know your mom well, but she was your mom and that is a hard loss.

Cindy Ingalls

Cindy Ingalls - April 04, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *I am So Sorry For Your Loss Deb & Family May God Be With You All In Your Time Of Need .I Remember Your Mom As Fun Loving, Giving Person With A Heart Of Gold And Remember The Babysitting Day's For Her :) She Will Be Sadly Miss But Forever In Our Heart's :) May God Wrap His Loving Arm's Around You All And Comfort You All In Your Time Of Need !!!! RIP Sweet Bonnie :) <3*

Marie Lash - April 04, 2019 at 01:47 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! I have many fond memories of Bonnie and Roger, the Variety Table gang and all the coffee drinking, joke telling and harassment of whom ever. I pray you all find peace in all the wonderful memories you have shared with your folks. Rest in peace Bonnie and say hello to all the Variety Table gang that have gone before us.*

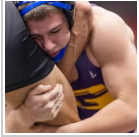
Rose Zech

Rose Zech - April 03, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *I knew her and Roger and they were wonderful giving people. God be with you and give Roger a hug for us 🙏🙏🙏*

Antonio Poli - April 03, 2019 at 07:19 AM



“ I have so many memories of Bonnie and Roger I could write a book. Not only where they family friends. But they where both like second parents to me and my siblings. I always knew when Bonnie was in the room, I would hear her address me like no one else DebberDo. I luv you Bonnie and will miss you! Thinking of you all.

Kurt and Deb Eberspeaker

Debra Eberspeaker - April 02, 2019 at 10:40 PM

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“ Bonnie played the wedding march for my ceremony. It was very last minute, what I had planned had fallen through so she went home to get her keyboard. She set it up right in our field and played beautifully as I walked down the aisle. I'll never forget her, she was one of a kind. Rest In Peace, Bonnie. I love you!

Amanda Wrong - April 02, 2019 at 10:03 PM