



Bonnie Jones Kerst

November 26, 1937 - April 28, 2018

Bonnie Roberta (Jones) Kerst, age 80, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018, after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer, having already survived breast cancer nine years ago. She died at Kobacker House in Columbus surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 26, 1937 in Toledo, Ohio, and adopted in July of 1947 by Frances and Clair Jones, now deceased, of Columbus. She is survived by her husband, David, of 56 years; daughter, Karin Rezes; granddaughters, Marissa and Jenna (fiancé, Lucas Abrahamson) Rezes; son, Douglas, his wife, Lynn and their children, Keri (Josh) McCrabb and Garth Hand of Wisconsin. She is preceded in death by older brother, James Moore. Also survived by sister, Myrna Kemner in Florida; brother, Robert (Joyce) Riegler in Ranier, Washington; half-sister, Evelyn (John) Robertson in Arizona; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She graduated from Columbus North High School in 1955 and spent one year at OSU. She was a full-time wife, mother, grandmother, cook, “handy-man,” and whip-cracker to the family. She was frequently known as the “Cheesecake Lady” by friends, neighbors, and family who enjoyed the hundreds of cheesecakes she baked and delivered over the years. She enjoyed traveling- Alaska, Panama Canal, Europe, UK, Canada, Hawaii, Caribbean, baseball spring training, and Las Vegas- (she never met a slot machine she didn’t like). Her favorite park is Zion National Park in southern Utah where the immediate family will gather soon to celebrate her life. She was a long-time member of North Broadway Methodist Church. Memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m.

on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214, where the family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rev. Wendy Hansen-Smith officiating. Private family inurnment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity in her name. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 6. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

North Broadway United Methodist Church
48 E North Broadway
Columbus, OH 43214

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Jones Kerst*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear about Mrs. Kerst passing. I remember her kindness and smile. I use to babysit for Mr. and Mrs. Kerst many years ago. Such a wonderful family. I always remember whenever I would see the two of them they reminded me of newlyweds. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. Kerst and family. Love , Bev Pinnell*

Bev Pinnell - May 11, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ *It is with sadness that we learned of Bonnie's passing this past week. Our hearts are with you Dave as you put your beloved wife to rest today. We are not there but know that our hearts and prayers are with you and the family today and going forward. Love, Mike and Deb Rotonda*

Mike and Deb Rotonda - May 06, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ *Marti Chaatsmith lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jones Kerst*



Marti Chaatsmith - May 05, 2018 at 10:16 PM



Dave, Karin, Marissa, and Jenna - we send you our heartfelt condolences. You surrounded Bonnie with love & laughter - from Bob, Parker & Marti

Marti Chaatsmith - May 05, 2018 at 11:09 PM

BP

“ *Sending many sincere thoughts of sympathy to each member of Bonnie's family,
Bev Pettit*

Bev Pettit - May 05, 2018 at 03:49 PM

KL

“ *I am so sad to hear about Mrs. Kerst's passing. She played the role of a 'second mom' for my brother and I during those young years growing up on Northridge Rd. In fact, my mom (Linda Meiners) required both my brother and I to memorize the Kerst's phone number in case of emergency! (And, yes, I STILL know that phone number!) I was fortunate to have known her - even beyond the opportunities to sample her delicious cheesecake! I can picture her and my dad up in Heaven having a good laugh together, telling stories, (and probably having a smoke!) My condolences to the entire Kerst family. My heart goes out to you. – Kem (Meiners) Lang*

Kemberly (Meiners) Lang - May 04, 2018 at 04:27 PM

LM

“ I remember when I first met Bonnie. I had walked my son to his first day of school at Glenmont Elementary. Bonnie was also bringing her daughter, Karin, for her first day. As I was walking back home, Bonnie was in her car and saw me walking and asked if I wanted a 'buggy ride' back home. That was in September 1970 . We became good neighbors and our friendship was set from that first meeting. We both enjoyed being part of several 'card club' groups, hosting dinners, taking turns shuttling our kids to Glenmont Elementary on bad weather days, attending the annual "Northridge Road Neighborhood Breakfast" potluck events, working for School Pictures, Inc. together, and watching over each other's houses when one of us went away for a trip. Northridge Road will not be the same without her. I will miss my friend, Bonnie Roberta. - Linda Meiners

Linda Meiners - May 04, 2018 at 04:09 PM

LM

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Linda Meiners - May 03, 2018 at 11:22 AM

TT

“ i always enjoyed going to her house and fixing there plumbing.she was a beautiful lady. tim truxall truxall plumbing.

tim truxall - May 02, 2018 at 11:42 PM

ST

“ Our sincere condolences to Dave and family from The Truxall family.

Steve - May 02, 2018 at 06:43 PM

RC

“ Dave, we are both so sorry about Bonnie passing so soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We cannot attend Bonnies service because our granddaughter is graduating from college in North Carolina and we are very disappointed that we cannot attend this Sunday's service. Renee will surely miss her precious dear friend Bonnie.

Renee and Dave Cox - May 02, 2018 at 05:30 PM

GB

“ What a wonderful woman didn't get meet her until later on . Have known Dave for a few years this was a wonderful couple

Gloria Burke - May 02, 2018 at 04:39 PM

LM

“ Karin, Marissa, Jenna and the entire family. I am so very sorry for your lost. Bonnie was a wonderful lady and I know how close you all were. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lori, Mike, Sarah & Natalie McCoy

Lori McCoy - May 02, 2018 at 12:18 PM

TC

“ To Dave and the entire Kerst family: Deb and I were heartbroken to learn of Bonnie's passing. You are the best neighbors a family like ours could ask for. We will continue to keep you close in thought during this challenging time. If there's anything at all we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out. Take care - Tim, Deb, Andy & Brigid Cotter

Tim & Deb Cotter - May 01, 2018 at 09:29 PM

EB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bonnie. She and I shared a conversation at one of the central luncheons not long ago that I so appreciated. She was an open and caring person who shared some personal experiences with me that gave comfort and inspiration. She did not have to do that but that was a special quality she had. Elaine Buhrlage

elaine buhrlage - May 01, 2018 at 07:39 PM

AS

“ Our sweet Bonnie, with that dazzling smile. I just saw her several weeks ago .She looked lovely...Rest In Peace, darling girl..We will all meet again.

Ann Wollett Snyder - May 01, 2018 at 06:29 PM

SR

“ Bonnie was one of the kindest individuals' I have ever met. She was generous with her smiles as she was with words of encouragement and hugs. She was funny, hard working and made it very clear she loved her family. Rest in peace, the world is a sadder place without you.



Sarah Roush - May 01, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jones Kerst.*



May 01, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ *She added so much "zing" to the Central Faculty luncheons. Her smile will be sorely missed.*

Betsy Van Heyde - May 01, 2018 at 08:42 AM