



Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach

August 10, 1957 - June 18, 2019

Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach, Ohio University professor of business law and human resource management, died on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from complications related to a brain aneurysm.

A beloved sister, aunt & step-daughter, Bonnie is survived by her sister, Amy (Ted) Pezzatta; brother, Michael (Megan) Roach; niece, Katharine Pezzatta; nephews, Jonathan Pezzatta, Phillip Pezzatta and Cullen Roach; step-mother, Beth Roach; many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Harold Roach and mother, Barbara L. Roach.

Dr. Roach received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology from Vassar College before earning her M.L.H.R., Ph.D., and J.D. from The Ohio State University. She began her teaching career at the University of Illinois in 1984.

She served in the College of Business for more than 31 years after beginning her career in 1988 as a faculty member in the Management Department. She primarily taught courses in human resources management and business law during her tenure.

Dr. Roach's research interests included sexual harassment, employment law issues and alternative dispute resolution. She was an active researcher who

served as associate editor for the American Journal of Business and as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Employment and Labor Law. She was also a member of the Academy of Management, the Association of Management and the Society for Human Resources Management.

Bonnie enjoyed theater from Broadway to Opera, traveling the world especially on Star Trek Cruises and cooking. Her cats and birds were her children. She was a staunch liberal and a vocal supporter and advocate for the ACLU, LGBTQ Rights and people in need. Dr. Roach was a strong, educated woman who accented her professorial wardrobe with glittery, “blingy” jewelry, much the same way she accented her serious mind with a quick sense of humor and spot on comedic impersonations. She will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 pm Saturday, July 20, 2019 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 with Rev. David Belcastro, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm prior to the service.

Donations may be made to: Cat Welfare Association at Catwelfareassoc.org; Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) at Capacolumbus.com or contact bmarkus@capa.com; and lastly, Brain Aneurysm Foundation at Give.bafound.org in memory of Bonnie.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - July 18, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Shocked and saddened to hear this. Bonne is a special light. Paul DiFranco*



Paul DiFranco - October 16, 2019 at 02:17 PM

MS

“ Dear Beth, Amy, Michael & family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bonnie. We were in Ensemble, Choir and "Oklahoma" together at Brookhaven. May the Lord surround you with HIS grace during the difficult days ahead.
In Christ,
Mr. Mark D. Stillings (Class of '75)

Mark D Stillings - August 17, 2019 at 10:33 AM

PL

“ I grew up with Bonnie and her sister Amy. We lived next door to them and when we moved I used to go spent the night with them every year at Christmas break until about high school. Her mother always said I was her third daughter. I remember her being the accompanist for choir in high school (Brookhaven). Bonnie was so talented and smart and she was so funny! I can't believe she is gone....she will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to Amy and the family. I will be thinking of you!

Peggi Grey Lambert

Peggi Grey Lambert - July 20, 2019 at 06:51 PM

AF

“ My favorite memory of Bonnie was when we bought front row tickets to see Cirque du Soleil in Orlando. Her hot was infectious. I will miss her humor and her wit. RIP friend.

Ana Feger - July 20, 2019 at 03:28 PM

DM

“ To Bonnie’s family please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. I went to high school with Bonnie and we were friends. I always knew she would be a great success in life and she did just that! So sorry to learn she has passed!

Prayers,

Diana Croy Marzluf

Brookhaven Class of 1975

Diana Marzluf - July 20, 2019 at 01:12 PM

DR

“ Ohio University assigned Bonnie as my academic advisor when I was a freshman in the fall of 1988. We immediately clicked. She soon became my favorite professor, my first professional mentor, and a dear friend. I will always admire her wealth of knowledge, her sharp wit, and her love of good grammar! I last saw her in person about 10 years ago when we met for dinner in Athens but we kept in touch since then through Facebook. What a delight it was to know her, and a tremendous and unexpected loss when she passed. I want her loved ones to know the positive impact she had on me, even more than 25 years after I graduated from OU. May your memories of her bring you comfort and peace.

Diane Rauch

Marietta, Ohio

Diane Rauch - July 20, 2019 at 12:54 PM

FU

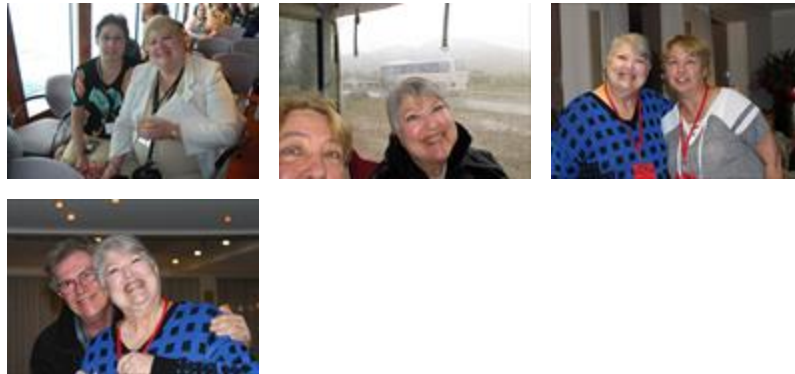
“ From Ike & Nikky Uzuegbunam (COB, Ohio University) purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach.



From Ike & Nikky Uzuegbunam (COB, Ohio University) - July 20, 2019 at 06:06 AM

LK

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Liane King - July 18, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach.



July 18, 2019 at 08:46 PM

AM

“ Bonnie you were always so sweet, so positive, and so supportive towards me and many other CoB colleagues. We already miss you in Copeland Hall.



Ashley Metcalf - July 18, 2019 at 08:27 PM

LL

“ I can't remember what we are saying or doing this night back in 1996, but I am 100% sure we were up to no good! Oh, my dear Bonnie...we shared so many adventures and good times and conversations over the years and distance did nothing to diminish your friendship. You were always there to lend an ear...even if it was a "virtual" one...and the world will be a less bright place without you shining your light in it. I hope that you knew and will always know how loved you were.
My sincerely condolences and prayers for healing to all of the people who knew and loved her.



Lydia Lopez - July 18, 2019 at 04:37 PM

TK

“ Ted & Liane King lit a candle in memory of Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach



Ted & Liane King - July 17, 2019 at 09:51 PM

TE

Thank you Bonnie for the wonderful memories and laughs . We will think of you oftenWe looked forward to spending vacation time with you .. you will be missed girlfriend .

Ted - July 17, 2019 at 09:53 PM

ME

“ *Mike & Tammy Evans purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Bonnie Lee Roach.*



Mike & Tammy Evans - July 17, 2019 at 05:46 PM

TE

“ *Bonnie has such an amazing and contagious smile and laugh. I also remember that pain never seemed to slow her down. She still had that beautiful smile. I wish that I had gotten to know her better on those cruises. I greatly miss her beautiful posts of gems, animals, flowers, etc. I miss her.*



Tammy Evans - July 17, 2019 at 05:40 PM

 Dee Brake

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dee Brake - July 16, 2019 at 05:37 PM



So grateful for the amazing memories, Bonnie.

Dee Brake - July 16, 2019 at 05:41 PM

AF

“ *I still can not wrap my head around the fact that she has left us. I will cherish all of our travel adventures. We roomed with each other on more than one trip, and I loved our "late night talks". We shared a love for our fur babies and sparkly jewelry, and yes our eyes "might" wonder when a good looking man walked by! We would just look at each other, smile and knew what the other was thinking. I'm so glad she made it to Hawaii...this was one of my favorite trips with her. Her humor, intelligence and positive light will be missed.*



Andrea Feltner - July 16, 2019 at 01:53 PM