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Bonnie C. Pulliam, 63, of Forsyth, passed away Thursday, February 04, 2016, in her home with her family by her side.

Bonnie was born August 4, 1952, in Bloomington, IL, the daughter of Cecil and Ruth (Laws) Robertson. Bonnie loved being in the outdoors. She enjoyed gardening and collecting rocks. Bonnie was an accomplished horticulturist who at one time planted all the flower gardens in Forsyth. In her spare time, she also liked going to antique stores with Vicki Edgecombe and collected dolls. The most important thing to Bonnie is she loved spending quality time with her family and grandchildren.

Bonnie married Dennis Pulliam on August 19, 1974, at Maroa Christian Church in Maroa, IL. They shared 41 wonderful years together.

Bonnie leaves behind her husband, Dennis; sons, Clinton Pulliam and his wife Deborah of rural Mt. Auburn, IL; Adam Pulliam and his wife Tracy of rural Mt. Pulaski; sister, Vicki Edgecombe and her husband Jay of rural Oreana, IL; and grandchildren, Evan, Isaac, Ava, Owen.

She is preceded in death by her parents; niece, Rachel; and great-nephew, Benjamin. A memorial service to celebrate Bonnie's life will be 10 a.m. Monday, February 8, 2016, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, February 7, 2016, at the funeral home. Memorials in memory of Bonnie may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Mario Velasco, the staff at the Cancer Care Specialists of IL, and infusion nurses Karen, Kim, and Rachel for all their kindness and care.

The family of Bonnie C. Pulliam is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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SC

Steve Calloway posted:

I worked with Bonnie within the NS IT department in Roanoke. She was soft spoken but always had a warm smile. Her spirit was one of "uplift". My prayers to her family...

March 7 at 6:44 AM

BW

Barbara Pense Wickline posted:

I have no memory of Bonnie not being a part of our family. Along with Mary Marsh and my sister, Marcia Pense, they were "The Three Amigas", heading down the road on horseback, climbing out on someone's roof, or listening to the latest Beatles album on our Philco stereo. I was always in awe of how 3 people, especially girls, could be friends for 57 years and never fight, or alienate themselves from each other, or really have a big disagreement about ANYTHING...are you kidding me??? My dad drafted Bonnie to walk beans, fill up the truck with gas and help chase our trespassing cows back home just like he did with his biological daughters. When Dad got in a wreck that claimed his life, Bonnie and her family were among the first ones to ask what they could do to help. When Mom became frail and almost blind in her 80's, Bonnie would "drop in" with a pot of chicken & noodles and sit and eat lunch with her, and ask her if she needed anything. A MILLION DOLLARS couldn't buy that. When Mom passed away at the age of 87, Bonnie again was there with a pot of chicken & noodles, and her husband Dennis and the two wonderful sons that they raised, Clint & Adam, to be pallbearers at Mom's funeral, which was no easy task, because there was snow & ice everywhere. A MILLION DOLLARS COULDN'T BUY THAT. Bonnie could grow the most beautiful flowers and plants, and collected really cool vintage Barbie Dolls and glassware, but her most precious gift was her total and unselfish time and love that she gave in bucketsfull to her friends and family. I'll say it just one more time...A MILLION DOLLARS COULDN'T BUY THAT. She fought so hard for so long with her cancer so that her grandchildren would have memories of her...and those of us who knew her will never, ever forget her. What a precious gift. With deepest sympathy Barbara Pense Wickline and Family

February 12 at 9:23 AM



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MP

Marcia Pense posted:

Bonnie was my best friend for 57 years..We Shared everything together.My parents considered her a fourth daughter and I considered her a sister.Bonnie,Mary Marsh and I were a trio.I could never venture to guess how many miles the three of us rode our horses together,pulled pranks together,shared lifes secrets together, enjoyed life together. The three of us would have what we called, the front porch sessions.Sitting on my front porch,talking about everything and nothing.Our final session was last October .Deep down ,the three of us knew it would be the last one,though none of us said it out loud.Through out her long illness Bonnie rarely spoke about her passing,but while visiting her in the hospital a few weeks ago ,she looked at me and said,Will you keep a chair on the porch for me?Bonnie,there will always be a chair on the porch for you.And I will miss you everyday, forever.

February 8 at 12:12 PM

JE

Jay Edgecombe posted:

Last Thursday Bonnie lost her long battle with cancer .Not only did I lose a great sister in law but I also lost special friend. Bonnie always had a amazing positive out look on life even in her darkest moments .Bonnie would just light up the room by just being there ..No matter how bad she was hurting Bonnie would help anybody . .Dennis ,Clint, .Adam ,and the whole family can take comfort in the thought that even she lost her long battle with cancer she still wins.Jay Edgecombe

February 7 at 5:56 AM

KL

Katie Hoffman Lynch posted:

So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing!! Lots of great childhood memories of Bonnie. Dennis and Bonnie were the "younger, way cooler" parents in the neighborhood, so Tammy and I would enjoy hanging out there....and she even trusted us to watch the boys! Always a laugh and a smile when Bonnie was around!! Love, thoughts and prayers to Dennis, Clint and Adam during this difficult time..... Cherish the memories!!

February 7 at 3:10 AM

JR

Jeannie Rhodes posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Pulliam

February 6 at 5:45 AM



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Mark Walters posted:

So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. I have many memories of Bonnie and Dennis since I've known them almost all my life. May God's grace sustain Dennis and the children through this sorrowful time.

February 6 at 4:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bonnie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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