



# Bonni Hugo

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**L**ong time resident of Decatur, IL, Bonni (Swift) Hugo, 86 (although self-proclaimed to be 21 forever), died at her home on June 8th, 2024 – surrounded by her family.

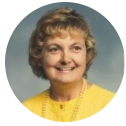
Bonni was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on January 17th, 1938, to Bayless & Anna (Henry) Swift. Later in childhood, moving to Decatur, IL, she attended St. Thomas Grade and graduated from St. Teresa High School – class of 1956. After high school, she attended Catholic Women’s Mundelein College in Chicago, IL, before returning to Decatur, IL to work at the Chicago Motor Club – where she made many lifelong friends.

An avid busy-body, Bonni rarely sat still long. During high school, she was involved in glee club, student council, area social clubs, and served on the Library Youth Council that was responsible for developing the first Youth Reading Room at the Decatur Public Library in 1952.

In July of 1963, Bonni married Robert “Bob” Hugo of Decatur, IL and the two shared five children together. Bonni was a dedicated Mom to all five, regularly volunteering at school as Room Mother, Booster Club Officer, and more. Additionally, Bonni served as the St. James Catholic School Athletic Director in the 80’s. She continued to serve and volunteer in the sports arena, serving for over 10 years as the Umpire Coordinator for both Decatur Pony & Khoury League Baseball & Softball.

A devoted Catholic, she regularly volunteered at St. James School & Parish throughout the 70’s and 80’s teaching CCD, working bingo, Mardi Gras, and serving on the Funeral Hospitality Committee. She continued this dedicated volunteering when she joined St. Thomas Parish in Decatur in the 1990’s – where she would remain a parish member for the rest of her days.

Bonni retired from her position as a Conversion Specialist for the U.S. Government – Department of Labor & Statistics in 2008 after nearly 30 years of service. During



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her tenure there, she received numerous accolades for her high success rate of converting tough survey refusals into consensual survey respondents – a success easily attributed to her charming and persuasive personality.

Throughout her life, Bonni was an active and loyal friend – bowling leagues at Mt. Zion Bowl, where she also served as League Secretary for many years. She played BUNCO with her dear friends for over 50 years. And in retirement, she kept busy playing bingo, attending shows, playing cards, and attending luncheons.

Bonni was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her quick wit was always present and fine-tuned. Even during the most difficult situations, she was ready to serve a witty and hilarious remark sure to lift the spirits of those around her.

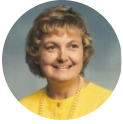
Bonni was especially proud of her children who survive her – Cathy (Scott) Williams of Leroy, IL; Rob (Becky) Hugo of Mt. Zion, IL; Todd (Lily) Hugo of Roswell, GA; Cayla (Steve) Hittmeier of Mt. Zion; and Jon Hugo of Decatur. Additionally, she especially loved being “Goddess” to six grandchildren who survive her – Taylor & Tiffany Wilson of Decatur, IL; Chloe & Callie Hugo of Mt. Zion, IL; and Drew & Macy Hittmeier of Mt. Zion.

Bonni was preceded in death by her parents, Bayless & Anna Swift; her husband, Bob Hugo; and her brother, John Swift.

Bonni’s family would like to express sincere gratitude to Becky & Susan from Traditions Health, and the Meals on Wheels volunteers - who provided her with loving care & compassion. Most especially, thanks to her “bonus” daughter, Beth Smith – who vigilantly remained by Bonni & her family’s side.

A visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, IL. A private funeral service and burial will be held later.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you donate to Meals on Wheels of Decatur at [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org). Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



# Events


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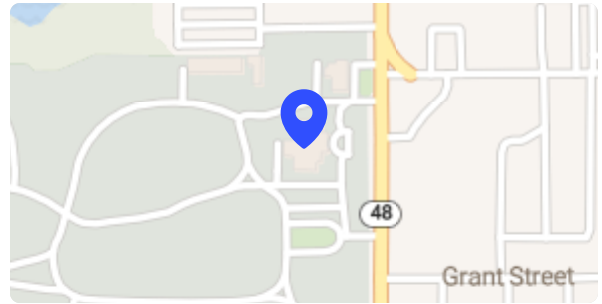
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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, June 26, 2024

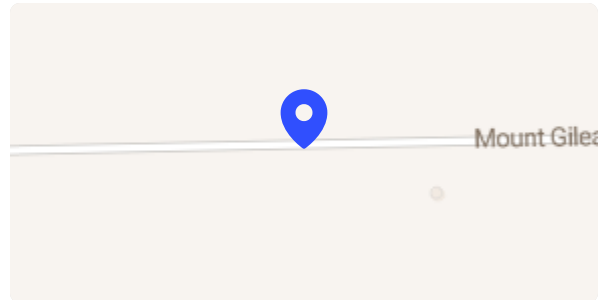
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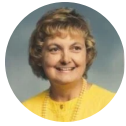
 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



## Cemetery Details

 **Mt. Gilead Cemetery**  
Mt. Gilead Rd., Decatur IL 62521





# Tribute Wall

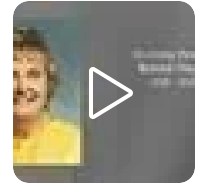
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**Graceland Fairlawn** shared a **Video**.

June 19 at 5:40 AM



**Pawn J.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bonni.

June 25 at 4:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Hugo family.

June 25 at 7:23 AM



**Brian & Marlane** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hugo family.

June 24 at 8:13 AM



**Lynett Ball** posted:

Condolences to Cayla and the whole family. I spent a lot of time with Bonni during show choir days. She was always so supportive of her children and all the kids in show choir. She had a smile on her face, a bit of a twinkle in her eye as she both supported the group and made sure they were behaving like they should. She was a joy to know and be around. I hope good memories of time together helps you through these difficult days. Lynett Ball

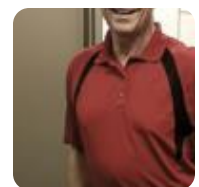
June 23 at 2:19 PM

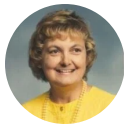


**Tim Hugo** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

One of these days our Lord will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

June 21 at 5:28 PM





# Tribute Wall

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**Tim Fairchild** lit a candle in honor of Bonni.

Condolences regarding the death of my dad's second ex-wife Bonni.

June 21 at 7:40 AM



**Your Friends At Lgis & Tai** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Hugo family.

June 20 at 10:58 AM



**Barbara & John Borders** posted:

Prayers for the whole family. 👤👤 Bonni was one terrific person and friend!! Loved "working with" (volunteering with) Bonni at St. James School ... fun, good memories!! So, so sorry for your loss.

❤️❤️ Barb & John Borders

June 18 at 1:15 PM

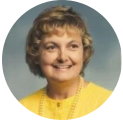


**Rosie Harris** lit a candle in honor of Bonni.

I remember the fun at St. Teresa. Those were good times!

June 14 at 9:27 AM





## Media

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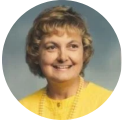
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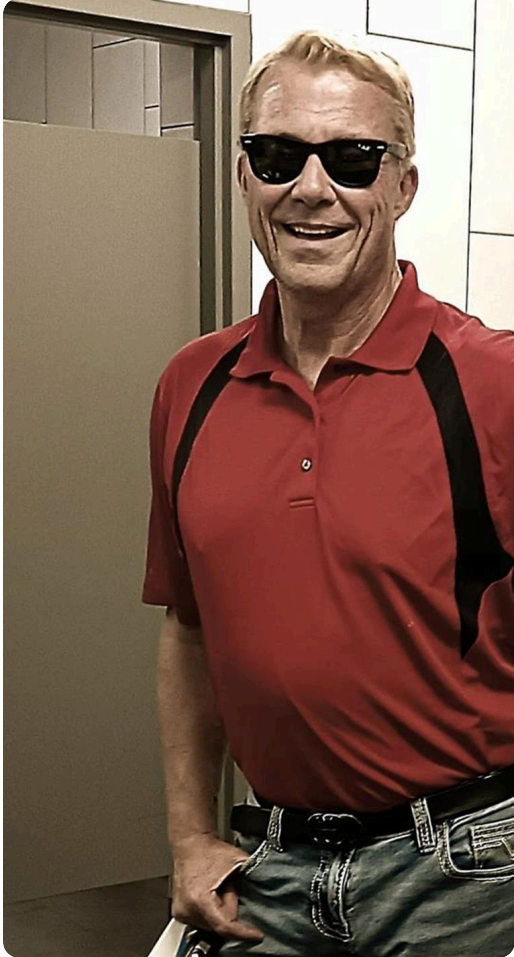
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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