



Bonnie Coates Kiefer

March 6, 1961 - December 30, 2017

Bonnie Lou Coates Kiefer, 56, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away on Dec. 30 surrounded by her family.

Born on March 6, 1961 in Chillicothe, Ohio, to parents Barbara Lou Coates (nee Jackson) and C. D. "Whitey" Coates, Bonnie lived fully and loved deeply. Whether she had known someone for ten minutes or ten years, she always made them feel welcomed and loved, and she was always there to offer guidance for any problem, no matter how small.

Bonnie was the type of woman who could accomplish anything she set her mind to. At Chillicothe High School, she played three different sports. She went on to graduate from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she studied medical technology. She worked at the University of Kentucky Medical Center for a number of years, before embarking on a remarkably successful career as a pharmaceutical sales representative, and finally as a highly respected sales manager. Most recently, she obtained her master's degree in leadership development from Walden University.

Bonnie excelled at her career in pharmaceutical sales, winning numerous prestigious awards for her work, including a coveted spot in the Hall of Fame with the world's leading pharmaceutical company. Outside of work, she loved to paint, garden, write, and create pottery. Above all, she loved her family and

friends – and she made sure they felt her love every moment of every day.

Bonnie was deeply spiritual and her circles of friends continued to expand throughout her life, including people near and far, from all walks of life. She was a mentor to many and a friend to all she met.

In the final week of her all-too-brief life, Bonnie was surrounded by her entire family, as well as numerous friends. Her husband, Dale, is especially grateful to her best friend, Leigh Ann Erickson, and her younger sister, Linda Coates Kight, both of whom dropped everything to rush to her side, spending the entire week comforting her and her immediate family.

Bonnie leaves behind two grown children; Adam John Kiefer and Nathan Smith Kiefer (Hannah), as well as her husband of 30 years, Dale H. Kiefer. She is also survived by her parents Barbara and C.D. “Whitey” Coates; siblings Laurie Lou Helke (Mark), Linda Lou Kight (Dave), Becky Lou McKeever (Greg), and Terry Duane Coates (Tammy); parents-in-law Carol (nee Jones) and Charlie Kiefer; brother-in-law Steve Kiefer (Theresa); as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, located at 12550 Brooks School Rd., Fishers, Indiana. Visitation will take place at the same location from 2 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Bonnie’s passion project, Pyoca Camp, Conference & Retreat Center. Bonnie’s sons attended camp during their formative years, growing in their faith, and eventually serving as volunteers and counselors. Bonnie served on Pyoca’s board, and struggled to improve funding for the beloved camp. Checks can be sent to the camp at 886 E. County Rd. 100 S., Brownstown, IN 47220. Simply note Bonnie Kiefer on

the memo line.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Presbyterian Church
12550 Brooks School Road
Fishers, IN 46037

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just this evening learned on Bonnie’s passing. Though I have not communicated with her for many years, I have to say she was a very special person to me. We worked together at Coast to coast hardware in Chillicothe in high school and college breaks. She was always smart, competent, funny and such a joy to be around. I am sure you all miss her deeply, just wanted to send my condolences and share that she made a huge impact on many lives for a long time. I feel sad knowing she isn’t out there somewhere spreading her magic. Sincere condolences, Terry Leach, NY, NY

Terry Leach - August 15, 2019 at 09:07 PM

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“ Dale, Nathan and Adam,

Bill, Amy and I were extremely saddened to learn of Bonnie’s passing. She was a lovely woman and I know Charlie and Carol adored her and spoke of her often. Please know that we will be keeping you in our thoughts and we are hoping that time will bring you peace. Our hearts are with you.....

Bill, Lila and Amy Reynolds

Bill, Lila and Amy Reynolds - January 03, 2018 at 10:21 PM