



Bonnie Schwartz

February 15, 1943 - June 18, 2013

Bonnie E. (Wheeler) Schwartz, wife of Dr. Lester W. Schwartz, of West Winds Farm, Kimberton, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 following a short illness. Bonnie was born in Gays Mills, Wisconsin on February 15, 1943 and spent her early life in Baraboo, WI. She was a daughter of the late James W. and Althea S. (Stantorf) Wheeler. Bonnie attended Baraboo High School (Class of '61), where she was an active member of the band and choir. She was a graduate of the Accredited Schools of Beauty Culture, Inc., Madison, WI and returned to Baraboo as a hair stylist. She followed her husband to West Lafayette, Indiana and to Silver Springs, MD where she was a loving mom and homemaker. Opportunities drew the Schwartz family to Davis, CA where she became the volunteer coordinator for the City of Davis in the mid-1970's. In California she learned to love outdoor adventure in the Sierra Nevada mountains involving camping, backpacking, limited skiing, and occasional visits to Lake Tahoe. Bonnie and family moved to Kimberton, Pennsylvania in June of 1982. She became a faithful member of Brownback's United Church of Christ, joining the choir and most recently participated in the Handbell Choir. She recently enjoyed her involvement with the office activities of Brownbacks and for several years participated on the Decoration Committee. She was a member of the Royal Scarlet Flock of the Red Hat Society, a supporter of the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, the Natural Lands Trust, the Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Baraboo Range Preservation Association; a past member of Davis Venture Club and a

volunteer supporter of the March of Dimes. She was employed at Hair Today of Bucktown for more than two decades and found much pleasure in serving her many clients. She loved flowers and actively offered her arranging talents whenever needed. She enjoyed her farm, the peace and serenity it offered, but willingly participated in global travels with her husband as opportunities presented. Her "life changing" adventures included travels to the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Australia, China, South Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean. Domestic travels with her family, including grandchildren, to Hawaii and "cowboy country" were particular highlights after her retirement. She enjoyed most types of music and worked hard to master the piano. In addition to her loving husband, Bonnie is survived by her children, Shelly, wife of Peter Forsling, of Jacksonville, FL and Andrew, husband of Jill Schwartz, of Chester Springs, PA; six grandchildren, William, Alexander and Elizabeth Forsling and Nathaniel, Matthew and Julia Schwartz; and many nieces and nephews of the Bittner family. She was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Bittner. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her memorial service at Brownback's United Church of Christ, 640 Ridge Road, Spring City, PA, on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Stryjak. Friends will be received from 1:00-2:00 p.m at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bonnie's name to the Brownback's United Church of Christ. Family friends are graciously invited to join in a celebration of Bonnie's life at the Kimberton Inn following the service. Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

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Coyle Funeral Home - August 01, 2013 at 01:15 PM

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Coyle Funeral Home - August 01, 2013 at 12:12 PM

DD

“ Dear Les, you have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers every day! We were absolutely shocked by the news of Bonnie's death and just want to let you know to please keep us in mind if you need us to do anything from the State of Michigan. Our sincere condolences, Diana and Mike Kooistra

Diana and Mike - dmkskiers@att.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

JW

“ DEAR LESTER...WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF BONNIES' UNEXPECTED PASSING. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR MEMORY AS A VERY TALENTED AND SPECIAL LADY. OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Jim & Judee Wickus - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

JJ

“ Dear Les and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of you both from our many years of Choir as faithful servants through your musical gift. Thank you for the time that we shared. A classy lady that will surely be missed. Praying for your comfort and peace. Many Blessings to you, Julie

Julia & Larry Deitrick - julialynn30@dejazzd.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

CC

“ Dear Sonny and Family, We were so sad to hear of Bonnie's passing. You have our deepest sympathy. You are all on your Wisconsin families minds. If we can do anything...just ask. Take care. Cathy

Cathy Von Behren-Riley - cathyriley@charter.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

JN

“ Dear Lester: We are truly saddened by the passing of Bonnie. Though our friendship is relatively recent and exercised for too little time during the year, we cherish that time and friendship. Always will. We wish we could show our love personally on Saturday. Alas, we will have a prayer time at 2PM to be chronologically present. We will be in touch. Love, Jim & Nancy

Jim & Nancy - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

HT

“ Les and family, Jackie and I would like to express our condolences for the loss of Bonnie. She was a wonderful and gracious woman that could make anyone feel welcome. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Bonnie. Sincerely, Heath and Jackie Thomas

Heath and Jackie Thomas - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

SC

“ *Lester and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Take care~ Sue Jensen*

Susan Jensen - csjensen@frontier.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

MF

“ *Deeply saddened to learn of Bonnie's passing. Remember her as a great classmate and friend. Prayers be with Les and family.*

Mike Fitzgerald - fitz2143@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM