



Bonnie Jean Ketola

September 11, 1952 - January 16, 2022

Bonnie Jean “BJ” Ketola of Amasa, MI, passed away on January 16, 2022, at her home surrounded by family.

Bonnie was born in Waukegan, IL, to Robert and Valerie Conn on September 11, 1952. She went to school at Waukegan High School and married Robert Ketola of Amasa, MI, on January 18, 1975.

As a child Bonnie loved to vacation with her family to Amasa MI, where she eventually married a local boy, Bub Ketola. Together they built a home, where they lived their entire life. Bonnie enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed camping, canoeing with “The Neighbors,” and hanging out with friends playing cards. She worked various jobs throughout her life. During retirement, Bob and Bonnie built a camp on the Net River in Amasa, their life-long dream. Her greatest enjoyment in life became spending time with her grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Desiree (Jamie) Maki and Sommer Ketola; siblings, Michael (Ellie) Conn, Timothy Conn, Patrick (Mary) Conn, and Kimberly (Mike) Arnos; grandchildren, Zachary Sabine and Lucas Sabine; step-grandchild, Jakob Maki; siblings-in-law David (Geri) Ketola, Larry Schiavo, Jim (Betty) Ketola, Jerry (Elaine) Ketola, Linda Besiak, and Philip (Peggy) Ketola; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friend, Carl

Hiltonen.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ketola, parents Robert and Valerie Conn, and sister Susan Morin.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, MI, with a memorial service to follow at 12:00 pm at the funeral home. Pastor Kurt Spicer will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Bonnie Jean "BJ" Ketola may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *im so sorry, I was away getting treatment when this happened but right before I left you had called me n wished me well. Im so greatfull we were friends for all these years, sorry I couldnt say goodbye but I deeply miss ya as I know your loving daughters do everyday. please rest in peace until the next trip.*

Bob Black - June 18, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sheila Pairolero - January 29, 2022 at 04:22 PM

SP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bonnie back in the 80s at Kentucky Frid Chicken in Iron River when I was in high school. Bonnie was such an amazing kind person. She helped me get my first job in Houston, TX through her uncle which I am forever grateful for. Bonnie will be missed tremendously.*

Sheila Pairolero - January 29, 2022 at 03:46 PM

DS

“ Dear Sommer and Desiree:
I have very fond memories of working with your mom at the Brown Mill. She was a fantastic cook and a lovely person to me and many others. And your mom always had a smile for everyone! I hope the wonderful memories you have of your mom will help to ease the sadness you feel at this time. Debra (Hanson) Sanes from Green Bay

Debra Sanes - January 28, 2022 at 05:59 PM

NS

“ Nick and Shelly Stroud purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.



Nick and Shelly Stroud - January 21, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.



January 21, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TH

“ Terry Hanttula lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola



Terry Hanttula - January 20, 2022 at 04:03 PM

TH

Bonnie made the best Egg Rancheros I ever had.

Terry Hanttula - January 20, 2022 at 04:07 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Gretchen - January 20, 2022 at 03:36 PM

GR

Desiree, Sommer and family, sorry to hear about your mom. Hold tight to all your wonderful memories and let them make you smile. Hugs!

Gretchen - January 20, 2022 at 03:39 PM

CM

“ *Candace R. Malone lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Candace R. Malone - January 20, 2022 at 03:11 PM

YW

“ *Your Accounting Family @ WJE purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



Your Accounting Family @ WJE - January 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



January 20, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



January 20, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *To Bonnie's family - We send our sympathy to all of you on the way too early loss of such a wonderful person. The Net River Picnic won't be the same with Bonnie not there. I looked forward to visiting with her every year and in between times when we saw her in town - always such a happy person and fun to be around. Our thoughts to everyone.... Jeri and Don Ahola*

Jeri Ahola - January 19, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



January 19, 2022 at 11:32 AM

SS

“ To the whole Conn/ Ketola family our sympathy's to you all. Bonnie has been my best friend since fifth grade, I will miss her so much...she was a one of a kind friend that could always be counted on to be there for anyone that needed her. She was there for me when I had my stroke back some 20 or so years ago. I loved her like a sister, she will missed by all that had the pleasure to know her. She is at peace with the Lord.



susan shamrock - January 19, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SS

“ susie and len shamrock purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.



susie and len shamrock - January 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LH

“ Laurie Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola



Laurie Hernandez - January 18, 2022 at 11:18 PM

KP

“ Des, Sommer, Zach and , Lucas 🌸

As we all struggle with losing Bonnie I can only imagine your loss is 100x more. She owned her dignity throughout her battle always saying “ enough about me, how are you?” I already miss picking up the phone and asking her advice or sharing a good laugh or a prayer.

I love her sooo very much. My sincere heartfelt condolences to the entire family, all my love as well!!

Kathi

Kathi Phillips - January 18, 2022 at 10:41 PM

SH

“ Steve Hill lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola



Steve Hill - January 18, 2022 at 08:42 PM

PH

“ Bonnie Jean Ketola was one in a million. She cared so much for her family and her friends. She would help anyone any time. She was my best friend and I thought of her as a sister. We always had good times and a lot of laughs. She will be missed by so many, and will be welcomed by her mom, dad, sister and many others. Peace be with you and your family, Bonnie. Love you so much.



Penny Wollert Hook - January 18, 2022 at 08:07 PM

CA

“ *Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Cindy Anderson - January 18, 2022 at 08:06 PM

DJ

“ *Dawid, Sarah & Jakub purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



Dawid, Sarah & Jakub - January 18, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kinnunen sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Sharon Kinnunen - January 18, 2022 at 03:41 PM

MS

“ *Des, Sommer and family, your mom was a shining light of joy. Always had a smile and kind words when I would see her. She will be truly missed by all the knew her. Sending you all hugs, well wishes, and love.*

Michelle Smokevitch - January 18, 2022 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Smokevitch lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Michelle Smokevitch - January 18, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Tina Louise purchased the Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set for the family of Bonnie Jean Ketola.*



Tina Louise - January 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Tina Louise lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Tina Louise - January 18, 2022 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ *CARL Hiltonen lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



CARL Hiltonen - January 18, 2022 at 02:30 PM

CH

All my times are special memories with Bonnie given to me from God.

CARL Hiltonen - January 18, 2022 at 02:33 PM

PH

“ *Penny Wollert Hook lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Jean Ketola*



Penny Wollert Hook - January 18, 2022 at 02:20 PM

PW

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I got to know Bonnie at bowling and immediately knew what a nice person she was. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Pat Westcott - January 18, 2022 at 01:29 PM