



## Bonnie Lee Grussing

September 29, 1945 - August 21, 2024

Bonnie Lee Blaisdell Grussing passed away peacefully on August 21st, surrounded by her family. She was born September 29, 1945 in Mankato and was raised in Mapleton, MN. She graduated from Mapleton High School with honors before going on to Mankato State, where she also graduated with honors. While at Mankato State she was president of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, on the Homecoming Court, on the Snow Queen Court and was the Queen "Miss Youth Activities." She spent most of her life in Minnesota. She was a beautiful, loving wife, mother and grandmother. A classy lady who was the embodiment of positivity, hope and love. She was a lover of life and fully participated in all of it. With her colorful hair, matching her personality, she was always up for an adventure. Bonnie started her career in the test kitchens of Better Homes and Gardens, spent years taking care of both her children and others' at her in-home daycare and also taught thousands of young people how to cook and sew at Central Middle School in Eden Prairie. In her later years, Bonnie truly enjoyed playing Mrs. Claus. She started many clubs including the Bloomin' Buds, a Red Hat Society group, that brought her joy. Bonnie was a Welcome Wagon Hostess and started the Bloomington Homemakers Club and 4-H Club. Her inclusive nature, creativity and generosity abounded. She was the sparkly, loving, spunky pillar of our family. Strong in her faith, we are sure she was welcomed with open arms into Heaven.

Bonnie will be deeply missed by many. She is survived by her husband Arlyn

of 57 years, children Dan (Trinh), Ginna (Roberto) and David (Beth) and beloved granddaughters Maren, Addie, Charley and Ruby. She was an honorary mother to many more. She was preceded in death by her son, Brian, parents Everett and Norma Blaisdell, and numerous friends.

Please join us Friday, September 6th to honor and celebrate Bonnie's beautiful, full life at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, MN. 10am visitation, 11am Celebration of Life Service, Lunch to follow. Memorials to Clearwater Forest Camp.

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, The Hong & Ly Families purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Bonnie Lee Grussing.



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**Love, The Hong & Ly Families** - September 05, 2024 at 03:35 AM

RL

“ I was a student of Bonnie’s over 10 years ago, and still remember the joy and love she brought to her classroom. Everyone was welcomed and appreciated in her room, which leaves a lasting impact for many years after. Sending love to all those close to her!

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**Rachel Lacey** - September 04, 2024 at 08:25 PM

AC

“ Bonnie was my cousin's daughter and one grade ahead of me in school. I came to know her, and rejoice in her accomplishments, which were many in academics, music and in the social whirl. I continued to have contact with her family.as long as her father was alive and even after I kept track of her through the community newspaper and later Facebook. I am happy she was able to enjoy her life and add so much to the lives of those around her. May God bless her memory!

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**Alan Cheney** - September 04, 2024 at 08:15 PM

TF

“ *The Bob & Darlene Armstrong Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bonnie Lee Grussing.*



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**The Bob & Darlene Armstrong Family** - September 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

LG

“ *Love, Nancy and Greg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bonnie Lee Grussing.*



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**Love, Nancy and Greg** - September 03, 2024 at 12:38 PM

AH

“ *Bonnie was beautiful inside and out. We both appreciated education, and I had the utmost respect for her as a teacher. Her smile lit up the room and she was wonderful as Mrs. Santa Clause. I think her signature, were the colors in her hair...it reflected her inner personality and character of being "Bonnie". She loved to decorate during the holiday seasons and took part in various Bloomington Optimist Club events for the kids. We all love her, and she will be greatly missed. God bless you, Bonnie (wife, mother, grandmother, and best friend)!*



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**Andrew Scott Hoppin** - August 30, 2024 at 11:06 PM

NS

*Bonnie will truly be missed. She was always kind and a lot of fun to be with! I'm sure she's dancing in heaven now. Hugs to all your family during this difficult time.*

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**Nancy Scorr** - August 31, 2024 at 09:36 PM

BG

*From the moment Bonnie and her family moved next door to us. We became best friends. Our friendship has last since that time. We love her and will miss her dearly. We are sure she already has her angel.*

**Bob and Gail Gross** - September 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

LT

“ *Bonnie was a good friend to me for many years (and after) while teaching at Central Middle School. We loved dressing up for Halloween! She delivered treats often to my classroom. Bonnie ALWAYS had a beautiful smile and a funny story. This little lady was busy with friends, activities, family, and prepping for school. I loved her lust for life and that twinkle in her eyes. She was the sweetest and kindest person I ever have had the pleasure of knowing. She really did make the world around her a better place. To say she will be missed is an understatement.*

**Lea Ann Thielman** - August 30, 2024 at 08:42 PM

LS

“ *The Bloomin' Buds will be missing our Queen Mum Bonnie. The wonderful times and love that was shared for over twenty years, has given us incredible memories. Love to your family, Bonnie.*



**Larie Ann Schmidt** - August 28, 2024 at 11:48 PM

JE

*Bonnie was a classic example of how to be one of the greatest Red Hat Queen Mums! The Bloomin' Buds Annual Bash were weekend wonders filled with fun and friends. She was an inspiration for the rest of the Red Hat Society Chapters. I'll see you on the other side, Bonnie, wearing sequins and a red hat! Formerly Les Rouge Chapeau Chapter, Queen Mum Jean*

**Jean** - September 04, 2024 at 08:36 PM