



## Bonnie Chasseur

December 22, 1948 - September 24, 2020

Bonnie Chasseur, 71, of Kentwood and formerly of Cadillac, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids with her children by her side.

Bonnie was born on December 22, 1948 to Rudy and Dorothy (Kienitz) Chasseur. She grew up in Grand Rapids, attending Immanuel Lutheran School and graduating from Central High School in 1966. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, she worked as a social worker, spending most of her career at Mercy Hospital and Lakeview Lutheran Manor, retiring in 2014. In the midst of her busy life, she also received her master's degree from WMU in 1995 and taught night classes at Baker College. After retirement, she continued her compassionate work in West Michigan as a grief counselor with Hospice of Michigan.

Bonnie enjoyed volunteering at John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, loved a good thunderstorm and loud music, was an avid reader, and had a great appreciation for the natural world. Most of all, she adored her family and friends and the precious time spent with them. We will forever miss her presence, smile, and laughter.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Nate (Peggy) Swiger of Cadillac and Sue Swiger (Steve Kunnath) of Grand Rapids; 5 grandchildren: Haley, Madison

and Kylie Swiger and Bennett and Marin Kunnath; her mother Dorothy Chasseur, of Reed City; brothers Ernie and Tim (Mary) Chasseur, all of Florida; Bob and Kathy Swiger of Cadillac, who have always been a part of her life; and countless friends and colleagues. She was preceded in death by her father Rudy, an infant brother Robert, and several special pets throughout her life.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 4-7 PM at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to John Ball Zoo or Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is also available at [petersonfh.com](http://petersonfh.com). Special thanks to the many doctors, nurses, RT's and staff at Spectrum Butterworth for their compassionate care of our mom and her family.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Ernie, I'm so sorry for your loss. Take care*

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**Deb Scripps Keenan** - October 05, 2020 at 03:58 AM

RM

“ *So sorry to hear about Bonnies passing . We will always have fond memories of our time together . We send prayers to the whole family and love .*

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**Rich and Claudia Moutsatson** - September 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DS

“ *Bonnie and I exchanged a few emails while she was an adjunct professor at Baker College in Cadillac, MI. She told me of her intended move back to the Grand Rapids area to be closer to her grandchildren. I am sorry I didn't get to know her better at Central High, but in the mid-sixties I knew that she was out of my league! That is likely still true today:*

*My sympathies extend to Bonnie's entire family, and all of her friends.*

*David*

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**David Sikkema** - September 30, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DD

“ *I worked with Bonnie at Lakeview/Samaritas for years. We were always sharing and discussing books and singing the oldies. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

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**Deborah Delosa** - September 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM

LS

“ Bonnie was a very special person who shared with me many of her interesting perspectives on life! She was my co-worker at the hospital and a friend to boot! My sympathies to Nate, Susan, and families.

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**Luanne Sherman** - September 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ Always remember Bonnie's laughter and kind words she had with me in the halls of Central High. My thoughts and prayers to family and friends.

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**Marty Boot** - September 29, 2020 at 08:34 AM

BG

“ Well Done Bonnie, Blessings to you and your family. Rest in Love!

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**Bruce Griffin** - September 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing!

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**Lonnie Burkett-Kempher** - September 28, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JC

“ I will miss you my friend. Great conversations and years at Baker College together. See you on the other side.

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**Judy Catto** - September 28, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MT

“ My husband, Tharell Toman, and I send our sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May the Lord bless you and give you peace and courage as you mourn.

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**Marilyn J Toman** - September 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ May God richly bless this family with specific grace during this difficult time and beyond.. Ernie you were a casual friend and dear classmate of my at Central High .. praying peace and comfort to your heart my brother. Jim ..

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**Jim Briggs** - September 28, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SB

“ I have many happy memories of the Chasseur family as Ernie's girlfriend. Bonnie got us tickets to see The Temptations at WMU, my first concert! I had re-connected with Bonnie in recent years. We shared family photos and caught up on one another's lives via email. She was so proud of her kids and grandkids. Deepest condolences to the family and all who loved Bonnie. She was so vital and active with her beloved zoo animals and hospice work. She will be greatly missed.

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**Susan Burris** - September 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JL

“ It is with sadness that we learn of Bonnie's passing. So many wonderful memories of her at Lakeview when our son worked there and each of our parents were residents there. What a ray of sunshine and concern she had for everyone she came in contact with. Prayers of support to the family.

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**Jerry and Diane Leavell** - September 28, 2020 at 05:34 AM

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“ So sad to hear of the passing of such an accomplished woman and treasured family member. She had a life full of meaning and happy that she left a legacy of treasured memories to those closest to her.

Rita Hickman (Kienitz) - September 27, 2020 at 04:33 PM

TH

“ All of us on the Lake shore team at hospice of Michigan will dearly miss our friend and colleague. When myself and several other of our teammates lost immediate family she was always there for us wanting to talk and help us to heal. During this time of sadness she would be the first person I would go to to share how I feel . I know that my life has been richly blessed by her as I'm sure all of you know more than we want an incredible human being she was in our eyes still is. Know that all of us at hospice of Michigan our hearts are going out to you at this tough time if we can be there at the memorial we will be. God bless all of you.

Timothy Koneska HOM - September 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM

GD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. You have my deepest sympathy.

Gloria (Kienitz) Dwyer - September 27, 2020 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ Nate, Peggy, Sue, Steve and kids - I am so sorry for your loss. Bonnie was a kind-hearted person who will be greatly missed. You're in my prayers.

Ruth Hamming - September 27, 2020 at 12:09 PM