



Bonnie Rae Hill

September 29, 1931 - August 26, 2020

Bonnie Rae Spry Hill

Bonnie Hill passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 following a brief illness and a life well lived. Her children Dana Beckham (JP), and Scott Hill (Lorrie) survive her as well as her beloved grandchildren Christine and Collin Beckham, and Scott and Gloria-Grace Hill. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Asa Charles, as well as her parents Lloyd Lincoln and Hildegard Prange Spry, her stepmother Violet Spry, and 3 of her 4 siblings. Bonnie is survived by many cherished nieces and nephews, and their families. Due to present day health restrictions, a service will be held at a later date in Poughkeepsie, NY, where Bonnie will be interred at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Bonnie's memory may be directed to The Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603, or a charity of your choice.

Bonnie was born in Eau Claire, WI, on September 29, 1931, and raised in Granton, WI. After graduation from high school, she attended nurse's training at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Marshfield, WI, which was her true calling and opened the world to her through all the people she met and through travel with other nurses. Bonnie loved medicine and believed in nurses proudly wearing their whites and displaying their hard-earned nursing pins. She spent 44 years of her career working with her friend and mentor, Dr. Jack Goodman. After Dr. Goodman retired, she went on to be a patient advocate for DRA Imaging at Vassar Brothers Hospital which she thoroughly enjoyed. Bonnie made a difference in the lives of many patients in Poughkeepsie where she lived for almost 60 years before retiring in 2018 to Ashburn, VA, to be closer to her daughter.

Bonnie will be forever remembered for her love of her family and her incredible work ethic. She maintained lifelong relationships with her friends, neighbors, patients and colleagues, and was known for her unending generosity. Bonnie was a lifelong learner who enjoyed cooking, reading, playing cards and socializing. Episcopal by faith, she was a tolerant student of all religions and an active member of the Eastern Star Ladies Organization.

Bonnie lived her life by one of her favorite poems:

To Be A Nurse

Is to walk with God,

Along the path

That our Master trod.

To soothe the aching's

Of human pain...

Ah, this is the way

Jesus would go.

Oh, white clad nurse

So brave and true,

Our great Physician's

Working through you!

Mom will be missed, but our memories of her will be cherished forever.

Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com

Comments



“ I will miss her too as I am sure will the others in our Waltonwood Bible study group. Although our time together was relatively brief, it was enough to cherish the insights and wit she brought to our discussions.

Terry Young

Terry Young - September 05, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ So sad to hear about the loss of Bonnie. She was a great Lady and an even better nurse!! I will always remember her and hope one day I can be half the nurse she was!!

Julie Moscatello - September 02, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Bonnie's passing. She was a dear friend and I have many happy memories of our times spent together. I will truly miss her presence. Bonnie's genuine kindness and nurturing nature will always remain with us. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers....
Mary Ann Zani

Mary Ann Zani - September 02, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Bonnie was a lovely lovely lady. We shared many laughs as well as serious times. I remember when Jack and my husband were in court and Bonnie was ALWAYS there to support them. They won but Bonnie said she knew they would!!! I loved going to DRA and to be greeted by Bonnie. A welcoming smile and always more than helpful. She had many friends in the community and I hope she counted me as one of them. May she rest in peace. She will be in my prayers. Tibby Fischer

Tibby Fischer - September 02, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Bonnie’s Family. Bonnie and I had a 40 year friendship. We shared so many good times and bad as well, but most of all we had fun. There are far too many memories to share. I always felt safe when she was around especially regarding medical advice. She’s helped so many. She was extremely generous and giving. She loved her family above all else. Not too many people know she loved sports, would come to our house every year to watch the World Series and Super Bowl. She was happiest around people and everyone loved being around her. Rest In Peace, Bonnie. You will never be forgotten.
Love, Pat

Pat Pruner - August 29, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ I am sorry for the loss of your, Mom, Grandmother . Your Mom was a neighbor , across the street from my home in Granton. Am a long time friend of her sister, Nancy. I believe she was in my brothers high school class Erlin (Toby) Garbisch. May you have peace in this time of sorrow..Joyce Garbisch Opelt..

Joyce Opelt - August 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Aunt Bonnie had a zest for life that is unforgettable. She was both a surrogate mother and playful companion on our many visits together over the years. I bet the Spry sisters who went before her welcomed her with hugs and joy. My heartfelt condolences to the Beckham and Hill families. She will be ever so dearly missed. -
Debbie (Burnett) Lonik

Debbie Lonik - August 29, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Bonnie’s family from St. David’s Episcopal Church. We were privileged to have Bonnie with us to worship these last few years, and what a joy she was. She had a warm smile and a thoughtful word every time we saw her. She participated in whatever was going on any particular Sunday, including the Pentecost picnic food truck! Her faith, energy and optimism were contagious.

We are glad we got to know her and share in her faith journey. Please let us know if we can be helpful during this time. We will be praying for her and for her family and friends as you grieve the loss of this special woman.

Mary Kay Brown,
Rector, St. David’s Episcopal Church and School
Rector@sdlife.org

Mary Kay Brown - August 29, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ I first met Bonnie at Dr Jack Goodman’s office and Bonnie truly had the calling. No matter when I reached out she went above and beyond to assist with my problem. It was a sad day when the office closed as it left me with the fear who was going to help when I needed it. It was not too long after Bonnie was still available and offered her assistance and advice. I was also glad to see her at DRA. Bonnie was creating a new chapter in her long nursing career still helping patients. I know she is at peace and I am sure she is still taking charge of everything. Rest In Peace bonnie

Mary Luvera - August 29, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Bonnie was the epitome of a true nurse. I had the pleasure of working with her for many years at Vassar. I will always remember her in her nursing whites and cap
Sincerely, Michele Lackaye

Michele Lackaye - August 29, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ We are so so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. We met her at Dr. Goodman’s office and fell in love with her the moment we met her. She was a wonderful woman and nurse. She also walked along side of him!

Barbara Telfer Hackett - August 29, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ Dear family

Our deepest sympathies in loss of your mother and grandmother. Rachel and I will always hold her memory in our hearts. She was a phenomenal phenomenal woman and was loved by all. We will truly truly miss her .

Love

Norm and Rachel Appelbaum

Pleasant Valley, NY

Norm Appelbaum - August 28, 2020 at 04:34 PM