



Yvonne "Bonnie" C. Ridley

November 19, 1936 - February 11, 2025

Yvonne "Bonnie" Carol Ridley, passed away at the age of 88, on February 11, 2025, at the Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac, WI, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born to Frank and Paula Bowe in Portage, WI, on November 19, 1936. Bonnie grew up in Fond du Lac and graduated from Saint Mary's Springs Academy in 1955. Bonnie married Robert Ridley on April 28, 1990. They lived in Altoona, WI, and Sun City West, AZ. Bob and Bonnie loved to travel. Over their 35 years of marriage, they visited 37 countries, including China, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel.

Bonnie loved playing golf, canoeing, camping, sailing, reading, and playing card games. She enjoyed selling Mary Kay Cosmetics, helping women look beautiful and feel confident. Her faith was very important to her and she was a devout Catholic all her life. She participated in many activities at the Jesuit Retreat House. Bob and Bonnie participated in a special meditation group in Sun City West.

One of Bonnie's greatest joys was spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. Her love for them was evident in her beautiful smile that lit up the room whenever they were together.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bob, and her children: Lori Deitte

(Mark Rice), Mary Wendt (Mike), Judy Culshaw, Lisa McCarty, and Dan Deitte (Jennifer Mahan-Deitte). She is also survived by her three step-children, Mike Ridley, Robyn Meyer (Wally), and Tim Ridley (Jill). She is survived by her 14 grandchildren: Amanda Smith (Matt), Kevin Rice (Erin), Scott Rice, Mike Blanck, Victoria Krumbein (Noah), Ashley Blanck, Tommy Culshaw, Katie Culshaw, Kelly Culshaw, Tony McCarty (Jordan), Brian McCarty, Ivy Mahan-Deitte, Sienna Mahan-Deitte, and Olivia Mahan-Deitte. She is survived by five step-grandchildren: Sydni French (Jonathon Nesemeier), Gabie French, Gabe Meyer, Madison Woodell (Benjamin), and Cy Ridley. She is also survived by 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She is survived by three sisters: Brenda Bowe, Shelia Pottern (Les), and Marsha Reilley (Mike). She is also survived by one brother-in-law, Tony Cobb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Paula Bowe, her sister, Betty Cobb, and her grandchild, Melissa Blanck.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the medical staff at SSM Health for their loving care and to the Hospice Home of Hope for their compassionate end-of-life care. Their dedication and support during this difficult time were invaluable.

A celebration of her life is planned for a later date.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Bonnie was a delight in my Mary Kay unit! She was always so caring and appreciative to everyone. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful soul and cared about her clients until she just couldn't anymore. I truly miss her.....
Blessings to Bob and family.

Linda Wood - April 30, 2025 at 04:04 PM

M)

“ Mom as sad as it feels to say goodbye to you I'm thankful you are at peace in heaven and not suffering anymore ❤️ Every time I held your hand you asked me if you could go by Jesus and I know your prayer has been answered . I love you mom and thank you for being my mom and for the love you gave to me and your grandchildren. Don't worry about your loving husband Bob, Mike & I are here for him. I miss you 💔 Rest In Peace, Love your daughter, Mary Beth



Mary Wendt (daughter) - March 09, 2025 at 09:34 PM

CE

Mary and family, I heard from Trish yesterday that your mom had passed away. My sympathy to all of you as you mourn her loss. I have many memories of your mom from our childhood. May she rest peacefully.

Cathy Etheridge - April 16, 2025 at 03:27 PM

DB

“ Bob I remember your wife as this bubble person that would come into the office to deliver MaryKay to Mary Thompson. She was such a lovely and very caring person. Please accept my sincere condolences for you, your family and other relatives. Doris Bremness

Doris Bremness - February 17, 2025 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ I drinking coffee on Sunday morning, I open the paper and was taken aback by the smile on this woman's picture. I was saddened to see who that smile belonged to while reading further. 40 years since I've seen Mrs. Ridley, but her smile was as bright as ever. very sorry for your loss and I hope you receive the peace that I'm sure she would want you to have!!!!

Mark Colwin - February 17, 2025 at 05:39 PM

AP

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family of Bonnie Ridley...I know she'll be missed by her siblings, children and grandchildren....Rest in Peace, Bonnie

alice L Pickart - February 16, 2025 at 10:43 PM

SP

“ I have many memories of Bonnie and Bob visiting Les and I in Denver on their way to AZ. The 4 of us got along well and we shared many stories, meals and laughter when they came. Bonnie fell in love with our dog, Marley, when they were here one time and wanted one of her own (Bob talked her out of it! ;) We also visited them at their beautiful home in Sun City West. The last time was in 2023 and we got lost trying to find their place (as only Les and I could do) and they came and escorted us! My memory that will be with me forever, though, is the deep love that the two of them shared with one another. They were a great couple, committed to their faith, one another and their families. They also meditated everyday together which is right up my alley!! I will miss Bonnie but know that she was loved by many and had a wonderful life and is in a beautiful place called heaven. May she rest in peace I love you Bonnie, your sister Sheila

sheila pottern - February 12, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MR

“ My memory of my dear sister, Bonnie, is her beautiful smile. I remember just a couple of years ago telling her that she was so pretty! She was always interested in what was going on in my life and the lives of my family. I admired her for being such a wonderful grandma to her many grandchildren. Rest in peace Bonnie💕 I love you and I will miss you💕💕

Marsha Reilley - February 12, 2025 at 12:45 PM

SF

“ My heartfelt condolences to Bob whose love for Bonnie always was evident, and to all of Bonnie's family. Rest in peace my dear beloved forever friend. I will miss you.

Shirley Frieler - February 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM