



Bobbie Stewart

December 24, 2017

Bobbie Stewart, born Barbara Joan Senior in 1933, died December 24, 2017 following a sudden diagnosis of gallbladder cancer only 6 weeks ago. Recognized in 2007 as Hospice of Lancaster County's "Spirit of Hospice," she indeed paid it forward. Offering more than 3,000 hours of comfort since 2001 to patients and families at end of life, she chose to guide her own passing at home with the care of daughters, Tracy Stabler and Wendy Phillips. Born in Mount Lebanon, PA, she was raised in Canonsburg, graduated Cum Laude with a chemistry degree from now Chatham University, and was applying to medical school when she met her husband-to-be, the late Harry M. Stewart, DDS. After moving to Lancaster in 1957, she still pursued her medical avocation while raising 3 children. Bobbie volunteered for 11 years in the Lancaster General ICU, 8 with the Manheim Township Ambulance Association, 5 with the Emergency Medical Council, and 9 with the Emergency Health Services Council of South Central PA. Bobbie was a CPR instructor for both the American Red Cross and American Heart Association, and finally, a 1981 graduate of St Joseph's Paramedic Institute. She was a paid paramedic for Community Hospital, Lancaster General, St Joseph's Hospital, and retired in 2001 as the oldest practicing paramedic in the state, from LEMSA. Bobbie was a board member for the Volunteer Services Bureau and LEMSA, a Junior League Sustainer, avid bridge player, and quite proudly, always covered in dog hair. In Great Danes and yellow Labs, she found true

unquestioning love and friendship, most recently in her 80th birthday puppy gift to herself, now 5-year-old companion Koda. Neighbors and Manheim Township Dog Park cohorts knew her to be loyal to 3 walks a day, no matter the weather.

In so many ways, The Healer, she was passionate about the Native American Spirit, but could also be found in prayer at Highland Presbyterian Church, the Unitarian Church, in the woods and on a beach. Bobbie knit prayer shawls and was able to feel a spiritual connection with all things living, particularly birds, wolves, horses and trees. Though a late-comer to yoga and knowledge of the chakras, she sought to embody Namaste.

Mimi, as they know her, is survived by her grandchildren: Grant and Reid Phillips, Emily Keough, and Marcy and Nathan Eichner. She held dear her sons-in-law: Ken Phillips and David Stabler, also Sean Keough, Bridget Phillips and Jenna Martin. She was preceded in death by her son, King. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Bobbie's Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA 17603. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until time of service.

Bobbie specifically requested no flowers please, but do remember her when you hear wind chimes or see a simple pink rosebud. You may bring a donation of dog food to her memorial that will be collected and given to an animal shelter. Please omit flowers. She also requested any monetary gifts be directed to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or Lancaster EMS, 100 East Charlotte Street, Millersville, PA 17551 Attn: Ryan Greiner that will further her legacy.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobbie Stewart*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 27, 2017 at 05:11 PM

ES

*Tracy (Sis) and family. I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I always remember her fondly with a big smile and a welcoming hello. I would love to attend her service ,regrettably I will not be able to make it. My best to your family in coping with your loss.
Eric F. Stewart*

Eric F. Stewart - December 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Bobbie Stewart*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

EB

“ *I met your mother when I began working at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster in 2010. She was a frequent visitor with her canine loved ones in tow and I delighted in meeting her new best friend Koda. We talked about the energy it takes to have a young dog again and she laughed and said that she was really having to keep up with this new buddy. She brought a smile to whomever she met and she will be missed.*

Emma Bramble - January 08, 2018 at 10:37 AM

LM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom, Bobbi, was a huge asset to this world and to those of us that knew her at Community Hospital. I worked in dialysis and knew her well in the ICU and the ER. But your loss is the most great of all. You will be in my heart always.

In addition, I can relate to losing a mother on Christmas Eve. I lost my loved Mom on Christmas Eve ,2 min before midnight. Forever it changes how you feel on that blessed day with the hurt that returns to visit once again. But I will also remember Bobbi fondly and say a prayer for her for years to come on Dec. 24 too. She was a beautiful spirit. May God bless you and hold you all in your grief. Your worlds have been turned upside down in a short time but your holidays dragged inside out. When the rest of the world is singing and joyful, your hearts must have been hurting.

I am sorry I did not see her notice until now as I was in the hospital for surgery. I just wish I could have met you in person. Again, I am sorry for you all in your huge loss of your Mom.

LuAnne B. Mikos lmikos59@gmail.com

LuAnne B. Mikos - January 06, 2018 at 03:02 PM

LM

I saw later that she loved pink roses. As a passionate gardener, i will plant a pink rose in my garden in her honor this spring. If she had a favorite variety, certainly let me know. Once it blooms, its beauty will always remind me of your Mom and her kindness to all persons and animals and her beautiful, radiant soul.

LuAnne B. Mikos - January 06, 2018 at 03:54 PM

LB

“ It was an honor to have known Bobbie, and I am thankful for that privilege. Her zest for life and caring was evident daily. She surely impacted thousands of people's lives, and we are all better people because of her. We will miss you in this life, Bobbie, but hopefully, Tracy and Wendy can take comfort in knowing that God has a beautiful angel at His side. I will think of you, especially when I hear wind chimes or see a pink rosebud.

With Love,
Lisa Billiter

Lisa Billiter - December 29, 2017 at 01:23 PM

 Lisa
Drennen

“ We met Bobbie at the dog park, with Koda of course. She was a lovely woman with a beautiful spirit.

Lisa Drennen - December 29, 2017 at 01:14 PM

BC

“ I remember Bobbie as a strong energetic and compassionate female role model for all who were lucky enough to have met her.
Beth Cameron

Beth Cameron - December 29, 2017 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ Tracy and Wendy and family. Your Mom was such an inspiration to many people. God's blessings be upon you today. Heaven has definitely gained an Angel! Love Teresa and Harry Frey

Teresa Frey - December 29, 2017 at 12:51 PM

PK

“ I will always remember Bobbie as such a vibrant, beautiful, kind soul. She graced us with her knowledge and sweet, loving warmth, no matter how busy she may have been. Such a pleasure to be near!
May God's grace enable you to adjust to the loss of her presence here, on earth.
Love, Patsy Klugh

Patsy Klugh - December 29, 2017 at 08:34 AM

BC

“ B.Simone Caruthers lit a candle in memory of Bobbie Stewart



B.Simone Caruthers - December 28, 2017 at 10:48 PM

JF

“ Rufus and I want you to know our warmest thoughts are with you and your family during these very sad days. Bobbie had been a good friend for a very long time through the Junior League and later playing bridge. She always had a smile on her face, and expressed kind words about any topic we discussed. Bobbie will be missed by all who knew her.

Much love, Judy Farmer Fulton

Judy Farmer Fulton - December 28, 2017 at 04:29 PM

SH

“ Dear Wendy and Ken,
Sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a great lady. Had great conversation with her when she would stop in my office. Susan Holmberg

Susan Holmberg - December 28, 2017 at 03:49 PM

DS

“ During special times of difficulty, it is a comfort to know that other care about you.

Your Mother was a special person with a great smile, great personality, and so kind and giving and will be missed by many. It was a privilege to know her. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Sincerely,

Donna Smoker



Donna Smoker - December 28, 2017 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ What a lovely tribute to Ms. Stewart. I did not know her but found myself wishing I had after reading the sweet obituary this morning. Condolences to her family and friends. Donna Barnett

Donna Barnett - December 28, 2017 at 01:33 PM



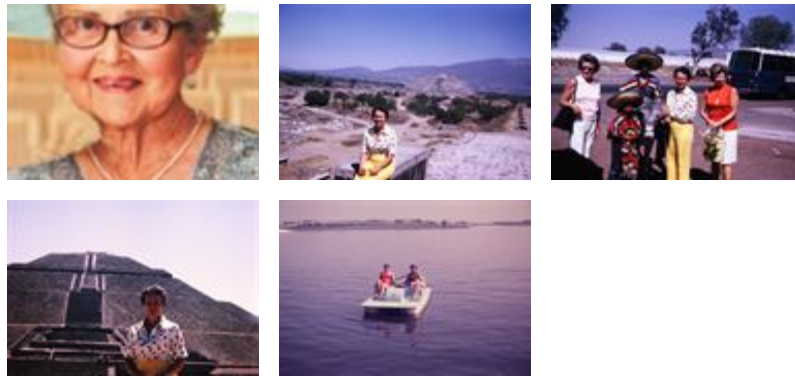
“ *Just a quick note to say that your mother will be greatly missed. I will always remember her with a smile and a hug. She was a wonderful role model and friend of my mom's for many years. She passed quickly so you didn't have time for long goodbyes, however, you will hold lovely memories for your lifetime.*

Jenny Droz Switch

Jennifer Switch - December 28, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *45 files added to the album LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 27, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Carole Batesp sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobbie Stewart*



Carole Batesp - December 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM

KD

“ *Kirk Dimmick lit a candle in memory of Bobbie Stewart*



Kirk Dimmick - December 27, 2017 at 11:07 AM

GW

“ *Tracy and family, I always enjoyed your mother's smile and positive attitude when working with her at LOH. She truly lived her life as an example to others. Prayers for your family.*

Gwen King Null

Gwen - December 27, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JK

“ *I grew up in Carnegie, PA...not far from where Bobbie did and this common bond made my arrival as a Paramedic in Lancaster back in 1994 a bit more welcoming. Our mutual love of Western PA, dogs and patient care was always most comforting to me. I was and still am humbled by her commitment to her fellow humans and will always remember her as a kind and selfless soul. I am no doubt a better person for having known her and will think of her every Spring when my 100+ year old heritage pink roses bloom! Rest IN Peace Bobbie. Thank you!*

Jim Knepper - December 27, 2017 at 08:43 AM

BR

“ *What a GREAT Lady. Loved her. We shared many times about our great danes. She could never do enough for other people. She will be missed. Rest in Peace Bobbie. Bill Rhoads*



Bill Rhoads - December 27, 2017 at 08:36 AM

JW

“ *Judi Weitzel sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobbie Stewart*



Judi weitzel - December 27, 2017 at 07:30 AM

RG

“ *Rod Gordon lit a candle in memory of Bobbie Stewart*



Rod gordon - December 27, 2017 at 04:54 AM