



Bonnie Belle Boone Wilcox

June 15, 1941 - July 17, 2020

Bonnie Belle Boone Wilcox died peacefully in her home on July 17. She was born in Dillon MT on June 15, 1941 to Bill (Robert William) and Edna (Gordon) Boone.

Bonnie basked in the loving care and attention given to her by her family and close friends during these last years of her life. They loved her fiercely, no doubt because Bonnie loved fiercely. Those of us lucky enough to be in Bonnie's circle were gifted her generosity, devotion, patience, and humor.

Gramma Belle was a mermaid! When she was born her family lived in Armstead, which is now the bottom of the Clark Canyon Reservoir. Her parents had a grocery store there and paid for her delivery with eggs. A bargain for sure.

As a child Bonnie and her little brother Bill traveled by train to Los Angeles, California to spend summers with their dad. She returned from these trips with a stylish new wardrobe, and more importantly, it was in California where Bonnie prepared her first meal, a spaghetti dinner for her dad.

Bonnie was a cook. She loved to make special meals for the people she cared about, always remembering their favorite dishes. She was a curator of recipes and cooking secrets and she loved passing on these skills and traditions to

her kids and grandkids. Food and cooking are intertwined with family memories of Bonnie - making raviolis at Storm Lake, packing a trailer full of munchies and salads for a girls' camping trip in the summer of '76, preparing Thanksgiving feasts with canned tuna as a young Navy bride. There are so many memories.

In Butte, Bonnie and cooking are synonymous. Bonnie catered out of the Elk's kitchen for all the local clubs - Rotary, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, for instance. She later established her own business from the catering kitchen in her own basement. For years Butte families celebrated milestone events and memorialized their lost loved ones over Bonnie's delicious dishes.

Booby was devoted to her husband, Bob, and she especially treasured memories of the days they spent stationed in various Naval bases on the east coast. After his death, Bonnie and her daughters took a once in a lifetime trip to New York City and New England. She showed them the houses they lived in together and the hospital on the base in Rhode Island where Becky was born.

Bonnie was a very good friend. And because of that she was blessed with very good friends. She knew how to listen and how to show up when her friendship was needed and her friends showed up for her. In her later years she made several good friends through her yoga classes, volunteer work at the food bank, and as the only female student in her woodcarving class.

Gbelle was a grandmother and great grandmother to many. She was a buyer of college texts, new shoes, and pajamas. An eager audience for dance performances, school programs, and ball games. A top-notch cookie baker. A warm hug and a soft cheek. She loved us and we knew it.

Mom was a best of mothers. We never questioned her loyalty, support, pride,

or love. We are better people because of her.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and husband, her infant grandson Kyle Weis, and her special aunt Betty Kleppin. She is survived by daughters Kari Spolar and Becky Weis (Dennis), son Bob Wilcox (Dawn), grandchildren Stacy Wilcox, Jesse Weis (Serena) and Hannah Weis, Marky Spolar and Roxzan Spolar (Joree Weinstock), Zora, Frank, Inga, and Ferris Wilcox, great grandchildren Kenzie and Cashton Spolar, Henry and Louis Babcock (John), Parker And Emmy Weis, Sophy and Maze Weinstock, and brother Bill Boone (Mary) and several nieces and nephews, and brother in law Jim Wilcox (Craig Holtorf). She is also survived by Shawna Gibson and many special friends who continued to visit her during her last months, and her dog Flipper who was always by her side.

Graveside entombment services will be conducted Monday afternoon, July 27th at 2 o'clock in Mountain View Cemetery with Deacon Dan McGrath officiating. A celebration in honor of her life will follow at her home. Memorials are suggested to the Butte Food Bank.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *To the Wilcox family:*

So sorry to hear of your great loss of sister; mom; gram and friend. She was a fun loving gal always. Bonnie will be sadly missed.

*Sincerely,
Raenel and Joe Barger*

Raenel Barger - July 22, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JP

“ *Kari, Becky & Bobby - we are deeply sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a warm and caring person and motherly to all of us even as we got older. She was a very funny firecracker, and now sadly, the world will be a little quieter without her.*



We loved her and we love you.

*Joe and Angela (Juarez) Pagliero
Anchorage, Alaska*

joe pagliero - July 22, 2020 at 01:31 PM

 Cheryl
Madison

“ *Dear Bob and family, So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. She was a job whenever she came into the cafe with a hug and a smile. She will be missed. Wishing you peace and strength. Cheryl and James Madison*

Cheryl Madison - July 22, 2020 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bonnie. She was the life of the party for sure. I know that she will be missed by you. Haley and Liz beaudry

Liz beaudry - July 21, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DP

To the Wilcox family:

So sorry to hear of your great loss.

Debbie Pierce

Debbie Pierce - July 27, 2020 at 11:44 AM