



Mary Lou Bonczkowski

September 7, 1948 - February 28, 2014

Mary Lou Bonczkowski, age 65, of Humboldt, KS passed away February 28, 2014, at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, KS surrounded by family. Mary was born the daughter of Robert and Virginia (Tackkett) Warner on September 7, 1948 in Chanute, KS.

Mary graduated from Chanute High School with the class of 1966. After graduating she attended Cosmetology training at Independence Community College.

On April 26, 1968 she married Jim Bonczkowski in Chanute, KS, and they made their home in Humboldt, KS. Mary was a teacher's aide for USD 258 for 25 years, and helped with elementary education. She was a self-taught artist, and spent 40 years attending arts and craft shows on weekends with her husband Jim. Mary was known for always having a smile and a good word to say.

Mary is survived by her husband Jim of the home, son; Joseph Ryan Bonczkowski and wife Amber of Humboldt, KS, daughter; Sheri Gillham and husband John of Auburn, KS, sisters; Sherry Bowyer of Pittsburg, Sandra Ganas of Alabama, grandchildren; Jaron and Kaleigh Bonczkowski, and Britton and Morgan Gillham and niece; Hannah Bowyer of Pittsburg, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Robert and Virginia Warner, and a brother; Richard Leroy Warner.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Chanute. Interment will be held at the Quincy Cemetery at a later date. Family suggests memorials to Lawrence Memorial Hospital Oncology Department to be used for breast cancer research. Services have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Otterbein United Methodist Church
631 W. 7th
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Jim, you probably don't remember me... but I was your neighbor in Toronto... I am so sorry to hear of your wife passing... you have my prayers.
Kay Crossfield Banks..

Kay Banks - April 11, 2014 at 09:38 AM

DU

“ Sherry, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. I don't know how to contact you since I no longer have your Plttsburg address, but wanted you to know that mom let me know about Mary and your mother. I wish I could do something. Please know the entire family has been in my prayers since the passing of your mother, too.

Love you,
Debbie Coble(Hazen/Underwood)

Debbie Underwood - March 12, 2014 at 11:06 AM

HB

“ To the family of Mary. I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. You have my sincere condolences. Mary was a joy to work with and a true artist. She will be missed
Helen Boyd

Helen Boyd - March 06, 2014 at 09:48 AM

JC

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Lou's family. She was an outstanding and talented lady. We always admired her art work
We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Jeanice & Maynard Cress, Humboldt

Jeanice & Maynard Cress - March 06, 2014 at 09:05 AM

PM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Jim, we send our sincere condolences to you and your family.
John Cunningham and Patty Mitchell

Patty Mitchell - March 04, 2014 at 10:37 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Bonczkowski.



March 04, 2014 at 10:17 AM

PM

“ We were so sorry to hear that Mary had passed. Jim, you and your family have our sincerest condolences.
John Cunningham and Patty Mitchell

Patty Mitchell - March 04, 2014 at 08:26 AM

YM

“ Your co-workers at Topeka Materials purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mary Lou Bonczkowski.



Your co-workers at Topeka Materials - March 03, 2014 at 07:03 AM

SM

“ My prayers are with Mary's family. She was a wonderful lady. True Angel on Earth and now in heaven. Losing your mother at any age is a true nightmare. Please let me know if I can do anything for you guys. Rip Mary.

Sheri Modlin (Zimmerman)

Sheri Modlin - March 02, 2014 at 10:10 PM

RW

“ So sad. I used to see Mary at Garnett Square Fair & have some of her art work. We visited about Chanute & sister Sandy who I went to school with. I saw her last June when she came my dad's estate sale. Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

Rita (Ostrander) Waltermire

Rita Waltermire - March 02, 2014 at 07:22 PM

SL

“ I was shocked and so very sad to read of Mary's death. I had a long phone visit with Mary about a week ago and we discussed her mother's recent death and other family news, but Mary never disclosed that she herself was ill. When I was 13 y/o I baby sat with Mary [age 4], Rick-3, and Sandra 5. They were all three well behaved and easy to take care of, but Mary was especially sweet. In more recent years, whenever I would run into Mary, we would always visit and catch up. Mary was such a gentle soul, and so talented.....she will leave a huge void in so many lives. With time, I hope that memories of Mary will bring a smile to their faces and warmth to her family and friends.
Susan[Suzy] McNeal Luellen

Susan Luellen - March 02, 2014 at 03:25 PM

SM

Mary and I were neighbors and friends clear from when her daughter, Sheri, was just a baby! She would take me to art shows, we would go camping, bike riding, take walks, and take our children to the parks. Oh yes, we also bought some skates and would go skating on the basket ball court at Cross Park. We had so many good times. Mary was always sweet and pleasant to be around. She also was very adventurous! I'll never forget the time we went to a hill, on a snowy day, while the kids were in school. We slid down the hill on my cars old floor mats. we squealed and laughed. Actually we both had some pretty good bruises from that adventure! Our children were angry with us when they found out we did that without them LOL! I Love Mary and her family and will miss her so very much. RIP MARY!

Sue (Osborn) Moore

Sue(Osborn) Moore - March 03, 2014 at 03:05 PM