



Bernice "Bonnie" Connors

February 6, 2024

Bernice "Bonnie" Ann Connors, 81, of Fort Collins, passed away February 6, 2024. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 23, 2024 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish, Fort Collins. Please visit Bonnie's tribute page at [goesfuneralcare.com](https://www.goesfuneralcare.com) to read her full obituary and share condolences with her family.

Bernice Ann Connors (Bonnie) was born on April 15, 1942, to Harold Schneeberger and Lorraine (Szarlacki), in Rochester, NY. She was the oldest of 3 siblings, Jean and William, and developed a strong maternal instinct at an early age, when her mother passed away when Bonnie was only 18. She was a very happy child and maintained a positive outlook and strong Catholic faith, as she provided more maternal care for her younger siblings.

She graduated from Irondequoit High School in 1961 and shortly afterwards applied her strong analytical skills working for Eastman Kodak Company as a punch card computer programmer. This is where she met her future husband, Larry, who was a fellow Kodak employee, and shared common interests of tennis, skiing, golf and travelling. Their relationship blossomed and after a few years they were married, and relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado, to accommodate an office transfer for Larry to begin working for the newly established Windsor, Colorado Kodak office.

Bonnie and Larry settled on Camrose Street, in Fort Collins, where they laid roots and have happily resided ever since. Enjoying close proximity to Bonnie's sister's family and Larry's parents and sister's families, they brought up their children Patrick and John with a strong appreciation and prioritization of regularly making time to visit with family.

As John and Patrick became more independent with school, Bonnie rejoined the work-force as a para-professional and librarian for elementary schools in Poudre School District. She would joyously share her experiences there, honored to have the opportunities to help challenged students develop a love for school.

Bonnie always maintained a positive outlook, even as she fought and eliminated her cancer, never giving up hope, working to regain strength and capabilities. She was filled with a strong Catholic fire and a commitment to live her faith, and she will be sorely missed.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Larry, her sons John(41) and Patrick(44), daughters-in-law Kate(47) and Veraya(42), and grandkids Ramdalyn(13), Frances(13), Moira(11), Graydon(10), Vernon(6) and Byron(1).

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
5450 South Lemay Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
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<http://seas-parish.org/>

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Growing up as a child, and living next to Bonnie for my entire youth, I experienced her kindness on many occasions. She was like a second mother to all the neighborhood kids, always making us peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, and looking at us unapprovingly when we got into trouble, yet with a secret smile. She raised two amazing sons and I am lucky to be their friend. Now, as we all raise our children, I hope to be as caring of a parent as she was. You'll be missed, rest in peace.

Dave Higgins - February 23, 2024 at 04:21 PM

PC

Thank you for the touching kind words! I'm eternally grateful for your friendship and support, I hope to be as calm and controlled of a parent as well, and as understanding of my kids getting into appropriate trouble... hopefully not as much as us

Patrick Connors - March 02, 2024 at 03:24 PM

PH

“ I met “Mrs. Connors” when I was in junior high school, planting the seeds of what would become a lifelong friendship with her eldest son, Patrick. Bonnie lovingly raised Patrick and I benefited from her kind, caring nature by proximity. Many weekends were organized having “Mrs. Connors” pick us up or drop us off at the mall/movies/sleepovers and another mother offering the reciprocal drive around Ft. Collins. I am grateful I was able to keep a close friendship with the Connors family and watch Bonnie's grandchildren receive her love. I'll never forget Bonnie's beaming smile as she held grandkids. Her dedication to the Church was inspirational. My thoughts and prayers are with the Connors family.

Paul Holmquist - February 21, 2024 at 10:38 PM

PC

Thank you for sharing the memories, she thought extremely highly of you

Patrick Connors - March 02, 2024 at 03:21 PM

PS

“ I met Bonnie in the early 90s when she was volunteering at my school. She gave her time and skill to me, a kid who was not her own and tutored me so that I could learn to read. Bonnie gave me the gift of literacy! Despite not seeing her in ages, I think of her often and how her gifts are still rippling through the lives that she touched decades later; I’m only one example. I will never forget the kindness and patience that she showed me. Much love to her family during this time, the magnitude of this loss can’t be quantified.

Philip Siefken - February 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM

PC

This is an incredible memory to share, thank you so much Philip!

Patrick Connors - March 02, 2024 at 03:19 PM

MF

“ Bonnie was a very special friend and neighbor. She & Larry were always so willing to let me use their extra refrigerator for my cakes, and took such good care of our house when we went to Phoenix. The neighborhood won't be the same without you! May God take away all the pain you've endured these past few years and may you rest in peace. Love, Mary Etta

Mary Etta Fothergill - February 12, 2024 at 04:52 PM

MA

*I have known Bonnie and Larry for many years. Bonnie was a very strong person and a loving mom wife and grandmother. We will always remember her and we are proud to have met her. I was glad to be godmother to her son John. My
Love to all of you Aunt Mary*

MaryKreuzer - February 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CR

A wonderful lady who I always enjoyed seeing and talking to at different family events. She will be missed. God bless.

chris rowland - February 21, 2024 at 05:45 PM