



Dorothea "Vonnie" Adams

January 8, 1935 - December 2, 2020

Dorothea "Vonnie" Adams passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the age of 85 in her hometown of Beloit, Wisconsin.

Born to Arthur B. and Dorothea "Beenie" (Von Oven) Adams, Vonnie attended Milwaukee Downer Seminary and graduated from Colorado College, where she was President of her Delta Gamma Sorority.

As a lifelong Beloit resident, Vonnie dedicated much of her life to serving her community and cherished the many friendships that were built along the way. She volunteered for 40 years at Beloit Memorial Hospital, was Treasurer of the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra, and loyal member of the Country Club of Beloit, Current Literature Club and United Givers.

While Vonnie did not survive her recent bout with Covid-19, she was a Type 1 Diabetes survivor for more than 60 years. Known for her larger-than-life presence and sincere desire to connect with people, Vonnie inspired many as she overcame significant health challenges through her positive attitude and enthusiasm for life. Vonnie loved a good party and took great pleasure in hosting them. She was at her best and most vibrant while sharing laughs and telling stories with a glass of chardonnay in hand. She was proud to share the same birth date and year, January 8, 1935, with Elvis Presley, and could be as equally entertaining.

Vonnie is survived by her beloved family members: sister Susan (Earl) Paddock; nieces Alison (Jeffrey) Snyder and Emily (Christopher) Raub; great-nieces/nephews Jane Snyder, Nate Raub, Elisabeth Raub, Cole Raub and Evelyn Raub; cousins Prudence (Charles) Harker, Allan (Jacqueline) Adams, Polly Adams and countless friends and extended family in Beloit and around the country.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank Vonnie's longtime friends and advocates Dr. and Mrs. Roger and Debbie Huizenga, Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Judy Paddock, Dr.

Kenneth Gold and Mrs. Bonnie Wetter, whose friendship and expertise throughout the years Vonnie valued and cherished.

Lastly, we'd also like to give a special thank you to the entire healthcare team at Beloit Memorial Hospital for their many years of friendship to Vonnie and for their care for her in her final days. It was a comfort to the family in this unique time where personal visitations could not be allowed that Vonnie's final moments were spent in the company of friends.

A private, family graveside burial will be held in Beloit, with a celebration of Vonnie's life to take place in the Summer of 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Beloit Health System for the Emergency Room, where Vonnie volunteered. Memorials may also be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Comments



“ Some people are so legendary they are simply known by a single name. So was "Vonnie." Just the mention of her name meant fun, caring and your day was made. Thank you for being such a good friend to many. We know you are not resting in heaven. Too much to do! Anne and John Murphy

Anne and John Murphy - December 21, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family and dear friends of Vonnie. She was a remarkable person with a big heart, a hearty laugh, and could she throw a party! A good and very decent person who will be remembered with love and deep respect.

Kay and Tom Nightingale - December 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Vonnie was a wonderful person. I enjoyed many laughs with her during my time of employment with her as her driver years ago.

Arlene Buchanan - December 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ What a wonderful, fun lady we had the pleasure of knowing! Always with a ready smile and contagious laugh. We had many conversations about diabetes and she always asked about our son who contracted it at age 4. Heaven has gained a delightful soul who will be missed here on earth.

In sympathy,
Vicki and Gary Dencker



Vicki Dencker - December 11, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ I am so honored to have been with Vonnie from the start of Comfort Keepers and till the end. We had a lot of laughs, you were loved by all and will be greatly missed.
RIH Vonnie



Tammy McGrew - December 08, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Aunt Vonnie was a light in everyone's day - always a smile on her face, always happy to see you, and always bringing joy to those around her. I am lucky to have known her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers - sending you love and strength during these difficult days. Love, Natalie and John Stanzi

Natalie Stanzi - December 08, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ Paul&Jackie Hormig lit a candle in memory of Dorothea "Vonnie" Adams



Paul&Jackie Hormig - December 08, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Vonnie enjoyed coming to our BMHS Class of 53' Reunion's and she always fit in just beautifully with everyone...

Paul - December 08, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Vonnie was one of the most caring, upbeat and fun-to-be-with person I ever knew. She always had a big smile and greeting for everyone. Would always ask about our family and how they were. One wouldn't know the challenges she had in her life and she bore them bravely. My first thought when I heard she had passed away was that she could see again and must be awed by the beauty surrounding her. May God bless you Vonnie and hold you in the palm of His hand. You will be missed by so many.

Dedie Schmidt

Dedie Schmidt - December 08, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ I never, ever saw her without a smile on her face.

Tracey K Goessel - December 08, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Tom and I always enjoyed seeing Vonnie and chatting with her. She was always so full of life. She thought alot of her community. And the community thought alot of her!
Tom and Sharon Collins

Tom and Sharon Collins - December 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ It was never a bad day when you walked into a room (party) and Vonnie was there. She was always so happy to see you and loved to know everything that was going on. Vonnie, you were one of a kind and we love you greatly for that.

Tom & Kim Finley - December 07, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ The Beloit Health System Volunteers in Partnership send their condolences to Vonnie's family. We have made a memorial gift in Vonnie's name to the Beloit Health System Foundation. Please know that we are thinking of your family during this difficult time. Vonnie will be missed.

Beloit Health System VIP Volunteers - December 07, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ God Bless you Vonnie.



KENT MAXTED - December 07, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Vonnie's passing. Vonnie was a dear friend of my mom, Pat Sauser. Their friendship started in junior high school and it remained constant thru the years. Mom cherished that. Vonnie's personality was one of a kind and her laugh was infectious. She will be missed. Mom is in memory care at Cedar Crest so I am sending our sympathy and condolences to the Adams family.

Chris Martelle

Christine Martelle - December 07, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ The "Lunch Bunch" was together over 40 years. We shared much laughter and many confidences. We will miss you Vonnie. Our love and prayers go with you.

Barbara Ihde

Barbara Ihde - December 06, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ I loved helping care for Vonnie during my years working with Dr Gold. Vinnie always was upbeat and we had many laughs over the " over the shoulder boulder holders". She was her own unique person and I feel privileged to have been part of her life. RIP.

Sue Jacobson - December 06, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ The best part of being a caregiver is the privilege of knowing incredible people like Vonnie! She was a wealth of knowledge and I absolutely loved listening to her history her stories of travel and parties her fanciful life and her straight forward opinions. I will miss her as she has left an indelible impression on me and I will cherish the memories we made in our short amount of time together

Jennifer Taylor - December 06, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Amy Lokrantz lit a candle in memory of Dorothea "Vonnie" Adams



Amy Lokrantz - December 06, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ My dear friend Vonnie—my memories are endless. Our conversations on Friday at 9:00am are treasures in my life. Your smile, your laugh & “Hello Dear” every time we talked bring a smile to my face. Even on Thanksgiving morning when I spoke to you we shared a laugh. I will raise my glass of Kendall Jackson every time & “cheers” to you. Heaven has another lil piece of my heart.

Debbie Mason & family

P.S. I will NEVER use the term “new normal” (her most hated Covid term)



Debbie MASON - December 06, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ She had the greatest smile and that laugh was contagious

Jennifer Taylor - December 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ I was shocked this morning to learn that Vonnie had died last week. With her passing a light has gone out. She will be both remembered fondly and missed.

Rachael Macklem - December 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ It was a great pleasure in helping Vonnie, I loved making her laugh! She had a smile that lit up the room, so grateful to have known her! Jen

Jenny M - December 05, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ We met Vonnie through our mutual friends, Gary and Vicky Grabowski. While we only had two encounters, we will never forget her energy and warmth. Vonnie was a remarkable woman!

Armund Janto and Bridget Bannon

Bridget Bannon - December 05, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ I met Vonnie many times over the years. "A class Act" always a smile, always happy, enjoyed people, always asked about our kids. We sat next to each other in ER when she volunteered for my six years. A beautiful lady, I'm blessed to have known her. Rest in Peace my friend.

Steven Hammill - December 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM