



Billie Jo Anne Stiles

January 9, 1946 - January 23, 2016

“B J”

BILLIE JO ANNE (SMITH) STILES

01/09/1946 – 01/23/2016

An honorable, wonderful and true lady of distinction departed from our world today. She gave of herself and touched the lives of many. She was a true example of God’s purpose when He created the world and gave us the freedom to decide who we would be. There was a radiant glow of caring and friendliness when you were in her presence. She had the kind of personality where she could enter a room of fifty strangers and leave with fifty new friends.

Her accomplishments were many. She was raised in the small town of Liberty Center, Ohio, graduated from Liberty Center High School with honors and attended Defiance College. Giving her all in whatever challenges she accepted she became a high achiever.

BJ was a tall beautiful lady and honor student who participated in most school and club activities. She was an exceptional athlete excelling in volleyball, basketball and other school sports while also being chosen as homecoming queen. She enjoyed playing the drums for the school band and participating as a cheerleader for basketball games. BJ won various beauty and personality contest and was admired by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was born and raised in a true American small-town home where religion, education, honor, integrity, proper etiquette, and fairness to others was taught

and was just how you were expected to behave and live your life.

BJ loved her daughters Angela and Laurie more than anyone or anything in her life and worked hard to provide them with all the things she enjoyed during her childhood. The girls were like their mother, beautiful and athletic. Both were competitive swimmers. Angela became a state and national champion while Laurie won many of her events around the country. During the girls' competitive years BJ devoted much of her time taking them all over the country at her own expense so the girls could compete and become the champions they were.

Throughout her personal and working life BJ served her church and community. She was a member of many social organizations and volunteered her time. For thirty-three years she worked in retail while employed at Lion Stores and Dillard's. She managed several different departments at the stores but in her later working years was employed as a sales manager for ladies ready to wear. In earlier years she modeled for the store and later organized the fashion shows for the store. She was well known and loved by many people and worked hard to be the best at whatever she did. Many of the store customers would only buy from BJ because of her expertise, personality and friendliness.

During her years at Lion Stores BJ was in charge of all the store charity events and raised thousands of dollars for United Way and other charities. She was well known for her store fashion shows held at a local TV Station. After retirement BJ volunteered time for Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates with the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office 24 Hour Crisis Response Center. She aided emotionally and distraught victims who called and requested information on how to obtain physical protection and temporary shelter. As part of her responsibilities and training BJ explained the procedure for legal assistance and assisted them with agencies that could provide food and shelter. Her kind mannerism, understanding and sensitivity were a tremendous aid to those in need.

Two of her many attributes was her eye for interior decorating and her

knowledge of antiques and collectibles. Her home was a thing of beauty and she also sold her wares in shops in Waterville and Grand Rapids. BJ loved and appreciated her friend and business associate Tina Hohenberger.

Although BJ had too many friends to name there were a few lifelong friends she cherished and who supported her to the end: Marianne Ballas, Susie Doukides, Linda Schmidt, Barbara Brock, Paul and Becky Chamberlin and her manicurist/pedicurist Carla Vaska, the person who held the secret to BJ's beautiful fingernails and toenails. The family respectively gives their heartfelt thanks to all BJ's friends and supporters.

BJ loved her furry friend Cecil the cat who gave her much comfort and companionship.

She was a strong, compassionate, and caring person. During her long struggle with Glioblastoma cancer she never once felt sorry for herself. She thanked God for her life and blessings and her only concern was for her family and others. For every extra day God gave BJ after her surgery she was thankful and every day she got up and did the best she could to handle her handicaps and to enjoy the extra time she was given.

BJ was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Winona Fisher and will be deeply missed but never forgotten by her husband Frank (Pat), daughters Angela (Jim) Eckstrom, Laurie (Kevin) Barbee, brother Roger (Mary Alice) Fisher, stepsons Kevin (Stacey) Stiles, Carey (Carolyn) Stiles, stepdaughter Amy, brother-in-law's Edward and Don, 12 grandchildren, many nephews and nieces and other family members.

The family wishes to thank the highly professional medical staff at the Cleveland Clinic for giving BJ and Frank and the family extra time together. Their technical skills, professional organization and compassion for their patients are beyond belief. Thank you also to the staff at Hope Lodge who provided a wonderful place to live while BJ went through her treatment at Cleveland Clinic.

In addition the family wishes to acknowledge the professional, loving,

compassionate and caring staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio for the wonderful care given BJ through this most difficult time. Every employee was so thoughtful and caring while seeing to BJ's every need.

Visitation will take place at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, Jan. 31st from 2 - 9:00 p.m. Services will be held at Liberty Center United Methodist Church on Monday, Feb. 1st at 11:00 a.m. The family request Memorial contributions be directed to American Cancer Society (Hope Lodge) and Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please leave a condolence message for the family and view BJ's Memorial video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

United Methodist Church, Liberty Center OH

Tribute Wall

DS

“ BJ was such a joyful and caring person even when she was going through a trying illness. We met at Hope Lodge and became friends. She called me with comforting words when my husband Jack passed. We tried to stay in touch but a lot of times we would be playing phone tag. She will be missed. A Great Person.

Diana Stone - February 05, 2016 at 08:41 PM

BS

“ In my thoughts at this difficult time! Jordins mother-in-law Bonnie Serr.



Bonnie Serr - January 30, 2016 at 12:27 PM

LB

“ Frank, Angie and Laurie,
I worked with BJ at Lion Store for many years. She was truly a beautiful, wonderful lady! She made everyone feel like they were her best friend. I had so much fun with her and will treasure those memories. My heart aches to hear of her passing. Heaven has certainly gained a fun-loving, caring angel!!!

Linda Bobroski

Linda Bobroski - January 30, 2016 at 07:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Billie Jo Anne Stiles.*



January 29, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billie Jo Anne Stiles.*



January 28, 2016 at 11:36 PM



“ *Billie Jo I am so sad that you had to leave this life so soon. I have many great memories of our childhood and all the fun times we had together. Your smile and laughter will be missed by everyone that knew you.*

Daryl Gruber - January 28, 2016 at 10:56 PM



A beautiful lady with a beautiful heart and soul. You will be greatly miss by everyone. Heaven has gained a precious Angel. Love your granddaughter Jordin & Alec serr

Alexandros Alex - January 29, 2016 at 09:18 PM

TH

Anyone who new Bj could share an incredible story about her but the most incredible stories she shared with us usually revolved around her husband, her daughters and grandchildren. She was so very proud of each and everyone of you and my heart goes out to you for your loss.

Tim Howell

Tim Howell - January 31, 2016 at 09:23 AM

FS

“ *Thank you BJ for your love and a life of wonderful memories. You will always be with me and forever in my heart.*

I love you,

Frank (Pat)

Frank (Pat) Stiles - January 28, 2016 at 03:02 PM

AH

“ *Our hearts ache that God chose to call BJ to aid his Angels to watch over us. We were so lucky to have BJ as a neighbor and friend for 16 years. She was funny, she was a good sport, she was a classy lady, and an all around good friend. BJ left us with many wonderful memories that time can never erase. We miss her already and she will be in our hearts forever.*

Anita/Norman Hagen - January 28, 2016 at 10:29 AM

DW

“ Roger,

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your sister. It sounds like she had a wonderful life and family. During this difficult time, try your best to remember the good times and lead your life that would make BJ proud to have a brother like you. Take care!

Duane and Diane Whitmire

Diane Whitmire - January 28, 2016 at 10:26 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Doug&Debbie Wibur - January 27, 2016 at 02:41 PM

DW

“ *We were saddened to hear of the loss BJ and realize we have all lost a blessing from God. We pray Pat that God will continue to bless and strengthen you and all family.*

Doug&Debbie Wilbur - January 27, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Billie Jo Anne Stiles.*



January 27, 2016 at 11:40 AM

CT

“ 2 files added to the album *Tribute Video*



Coyle Funeral Home Video Tributes - January 27, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Billie Jo Anne Stiles*.



January 25, 2016 at 09:51 PM

DM

“ *Your laugh will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. Don & Sue Mickens*

Don Mickens - January 25, 2016 at 09:04 PM

LC

“ *Rog, MaryAlice, and Billie Joes Family So sorry to hear of Billie Joes passing. She was a funny little girl and a beautiful young lady. Former neighbor Renie and Don Callahan*

LaRena Callahan - January 25, 2016 at 11:15 AM

PS

“ *Billie Jo was beautiful person and caring person. I know her from High school she always had a beautiful smile on her face. Prayers for her Family and friends and may God Bless you everyone.*

Priscilla Mohler Schmidt - January 24, 2016 at 07:23 PM

JS

“ *It was a blessing and honor to have met such a beautiful caring lady. May peace and tranquility be with you and family. Janie Seely*

Janie Seely - January 24, 2016 at 05:48 PM

PB

Billie Jo was a really special person in LC High, a friend always, and a very beautiful person. To her entire family I offer my condolences. RIP Billie Jo.

Phillip R Brewster - January 25, 2016 at 12:59 PM

ES

“ *Frank and Family, Prayers for all of you at this very difficult time. B.J. was a very Special Friend to many, she was so full of life and she lived it to the fullest. She will be missed, there is no doubt. But treasure all the wonderful Memories and I guarantee, a smile will appear. I will miss my Friend, but I know she is at peace finally. B.J.'s love is with you all.*

Eva Smith - January 24, 2016 at 03:22 PM

MS

“ Angie & Laurie,

Your mom was a fantastic person, the memories of all the good times we had with her when she lived next door to us, so many to laugh about. She will be missed. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you two and your families.

Janie and the Mcquillin family.

Mary Jane Storeholder - January 24, 2016 at 02:33 PM

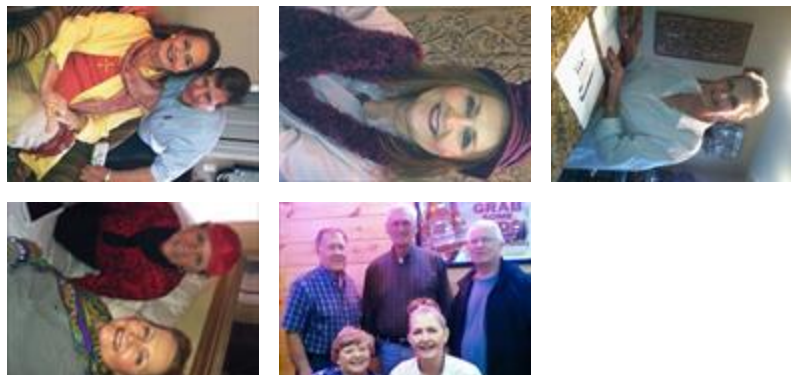
KM

It was an honor and privilege to know BJ and be part of the extended family. BJ was a wonderful and caring mother, step-mother and grandmother. Pat, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers for your peace are being offered. BJ will be missed by so many.

Kay Mastro - January 24, 2016 at 07:36 PM

BF

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara (Myers) Brock- close friend - January 24, 2016 at 01:25 PM

RK

“ Rog,
So sorry to read of the lose of your beloved sister. Cathy and I will pray for her eternal peaceful rest.

*Ron and Cathy Klein
Liverpool, New York*

Ron and Cathy Klein - January 24, 2016 at 12:25 PM

KS

“ *I will miss you dear friend. Even when I saw you Christmas Eve you still had your sense of humor. My favorite memory is when B.J. broke her leg and I took her to urgent care. When we came out we laughed so hard, because at the time I had a Subaru and trying to get a 6ft tall person with a full leg cast in the back seat was hilarious. We were in charge of picking up Cinna Buns for the Westgate Christmas breakfast. We would eat them on the way and then she would drive the car over the side walk and back up to the front door of the store. To the family my heart goes out to you. She was a special and loving person with a great sense of humor.*

*Kathy Sutton
One of your Phony Larks*

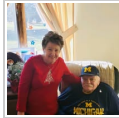
Kathy Sutton - January 24, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CC

“ *I worked with BJ at Lion Store she was a stunningly beautiful woman inside and out. I learned so much from her. She lit up every room she entered . Condolences to all her family and friends peace be with you through this difficult time. So blessed to have had her in all of our lives. She will live on forever in our hearts.*

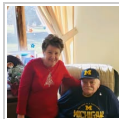
Crystal Campbell

Crystal Campbell - January 24, 2016 at 06:50 AM



chris van koughnet

Chris Augello-Van Koughnet - January 24, 2016 at 12:54 PM



I first met B,J. when I worked at Westgate. Even when I was new she always made me feel comfortable. She was later my manager at Franklin park and she was friendly and worked with us to get displays started.A beautiful sensitive person who I will miss.

Chris Augello-Van Koughnet - January 24, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JN

As a Delta native I knew BJ from church and our kids going to school together. Then I worked with her at the Lion Store. She had a wonderful smile and a personality that always had you in stitches. Heaven has the gift of a beautiful angel.

Judy Nofzinger

Judy Nofzinger - January 24, 2016 at 01:58 PM

JP

Angie and Laurie,

You have my deepest sympathy. I ran into your mom about a year ago, and we had the best " catch-up " time concerning you two and her. Soooo sorry for your loss. Awesome lady.

Judi Pike (your middle school P.E. teacher)

Judi Pike - January 24, 2016 at 06:22 PM

LS

*Angie and Laurie,
I am sorry for the loss of your Mom.
Dad*

Lyle Smith - January 26, 2016 at 12:42 PM

JV

*Angie & Laurie,
My prayers are with you two during this great time of loss!! I have many great memories of BJ from years ago. It sounds like she had not changed a bit. Mothers are everything to a daughter and I'm saddened to hear you both lost your best friend. Be sure I will keep both of you in my prayers today and the days to come!!
Jodi Conners Venable*

Jodi Conners Venable - January 27, 2016 at 07:57 PM

LL

*Angie and Laurie,

With deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved mom.*

Linda Lake

Linda Lake - January 27, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CL

Angie and Laurie, Sincere sympathy for your loss. We will always remember the fun times we had with her and you girls at the lake. Love and prayers are sent to you girls and your families. Carol and Ira Lake

Carol Lake - January 28, 2016 at 02:54 PM

DU

*Earthly Sadness
Heavenly Celebration*

Angie and Laurie

So sorry to hear about your Mother. May God with you at this must difficult time. Our prayers be with you today and always.

Denny and Betty Upell

dennis upell - January 29, 2016 at 02:08 AM