



## Monica Julia Ammons

April 17, 1942 - September 5, 2019

Monica Julia Ammons passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of September 5, 2019. She was born Monica Donofrio on April 17, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio, the second child of John and Virginia (Stephan) Donofrio. Monie, as she was affectionately known to her adoring husband of 38 years, Joe Bartholomy, and her many close friends, was known as the rebel of the family. She was a tiny petite woman who sat on a phone book to see over the steering wheel to drive and had blocks taped to the pedals, but there was nothing tiny about her personality. Her sister Joanne, 10 years her senior, drove her and her group of friends all over during high school and had trouble keeping track of her. All of her life, Monie loved to buck the system. She was into women's lib before it was popular and always had a sign in her kitchen that said, "A woman's place is in the house...and the Senate." She was a free spirit with a stubborn streak and she was never ever guided by the opinions of others. She was accepting of everyone, but if someone didn't return acceptance to her, she simply moved on.

Monie was known for many things. In the mid-1950s, she was featured in a Blade article because her household had the first non-party line telephone in this area. She worked with and assisted the woman who started the first Head Start Program in Toledo and then finished her degree at the University of Toledo, achieving a BA in Teaching. She raised five children mainly on her own. But she is probably most recognized in the Toledo area for running the Central Avenue John H. Vance Interiors store for many years, managing it and

doing decorating for John Vance as well.

Monie was known for one more thing: her love for animals, miniature poodles in particular. She always had a house full of them, and leaves behind now to mourn her: Peaches, Tinker Bell, Naddy, Tutu, Misty, and especially Stormy, who would rather sit with her mom than get a treat.

Monie's loved ones include her loving husband, Joe Bartholomy, whom she married in Las Vegas on April 7, 1981, and who survives her. She leaves behind her children: Carey (Sami) Ammons, Kelly (Nick) DeMarco, Stacey Maurer, Stephanie Ammons, and Michael (Tarja) Ammons. Monie had 8 extremely accomplished and talented grandchildren, and she loved attending their sporting events, dance recitals, and other milestone celebrations: Geno, Nicholas, Kristina, and Julia DeMarco, Troy and Jay Maurer, and Christian and Mia Ammons. She is also survived by her sister, Joanne (Donofrio) Vick, brother, John Donofrio, and nieces Janine Vick-Movish and Joan Vick.

Monie's best friend for 45 years, Dyan Osborn, also survives. Monica was preceded in death by her parents, her brother-in-law Jim Vick, and her niece Janice Vick.

A celebration of Monica's life will occur in November, details to be arranged. Please consider any memorial contributions in memory of Monica to be given to the Toledo Humane Society. Coyle Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up with knowing Monica almost from birth. My parents would go over Monica and Joe’s house almost every Saturday. I loved hearing about the adventures Monica and Joe would go on. And it was always both of them if you spoke about it. You never just said: I’m going to see Monica. I’m gonna hang with Joe. It was always: I’m going to see Monica AND Joe. It speaks to how intertwined they were. They were never separate. Always together. I cannot imagine the depths of Joe’s pain from losing truly his soul mate. Not many people can say they found that but Joe definitely can.



Monica may have been tiny but her personality was over ten feet tall. With her wild hair and awesome laugh, I looked forward to when Monica and Joe would come to our house so I could come out of my shy little shell and talk dogs with her. And the times I’d get to go to their house and be surrounded by all those poodles! I loved all of them and whenever my parents were saw Monica and Joe I would ask about them and love to hear about their antics.

The world is going to be a little less bright without Monica’s bright light and laughter. But no one is ever truly gone. I know every time I see a poodle I’ll think of her. And I’ll wait to see what sort of signs she’ll send to my mother. I wish there was a funeral so I could say goodbye but I respect the family’s decision not to really have one. Sometimes it’s just too hard to say goodbye to the physical body.

I know Monica is in the summerlands surrounded by a whole herd of poodles and that, like Monica would do, makes me laugh and smile. There’s not many in my life that automatically did that for me. I’m going to miss her. And I’ll try to be there for Joe in any way I can. And her garden shall always bloom.

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**Jamie Osborn** - September 10, 2019 at 01:40 AM



*Thank You Jamie I am grateful for your Kind words we will have a Celebration of Life for Monie and your invited also Love You!!!*

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**Joe Bartholomy** - September 11, 2019 at 11:37 PM

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“ *Monies was always there for my mother, who was like a sister to her. My mom (Nickey) never really told me some of the things that she went through, but I remember seeing monie hugging my mother and always being there for us. Always took care of her kids, her puppies, and of course Joe. I don't remember Joe without a smile. Sending our love!*

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**Chris Patterson** - September 09, 2019 at 07:42 PM



*Thank You Chris your Mom and Monie knew each other before you guys came around your Mom or Monie would call each other every week now they are talking all the time Thank You Chris!*

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**Joe Bartholomy** - September 09, 2019 at 08:33 PM

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“ *Today, in my sadness I will Celebrate Monique and everything she was in my life. It is said the amount of love is equal to the amount of grief. We made a lifetime of funny, crazy, and fun memories together. Cherished forever now until we can pull off something in our eternal journeys. May you each remember your moments and say her name 💕 🕯️ . Monie, she knew love, Mattered and will be missed always . Be at peace, I will know your passionate spirit again.*

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**Dyan Osborn** - September 09, 2019 at 07:37 PM



*Thank You Dy You and Phil have been Good Friends.of Monie then me  
Thank You.*

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**Joe Bartholomy** - September 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM



*“ Nicely written Obituary Joe. Monica, Angie Nowak and I had alot of  
fun together while we lived in Toledo. Many over breakdast at  
Cracker Barrel and at her house. I will never forget tge fun and  
stories that i heard. RIP Monica. Until we meet again. Thank you for  
Carey Jr. Love - Sami Ammons*

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**Sami Ammons** - September 09, 2019 at 07:34 PM



*Thank You Sami you have been very Good to us!! Monie (and me)  
Love you and of course Carey.*

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**Joe Bartholomy** - September 09, 2019 at 08:23 PM



*“ I have lost the Woman I Have Loved for almost 40 years. You Will  
always be with Me.*

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**Joe Bartholomy** - September 09, 2019 at 06:54 PM