BonneeRainwater

November 19, 1940 - August 21, 2013





Bonnee's Life Story

Through the life of Bonnee
Rainwater, we are reminded that
there is little value found in the
things we have or in the wealth
we accumulate, but that it is in the
moments and love we share with
our loved ones that we are richly
blessed. There was no greater
gift in her life than her family, and
it was when gathered with her
loved ones near that Bonnee
found true happiness. She was



an independent and resourceful woman who faced whatever challenges that came her way with a graceful courage that is to

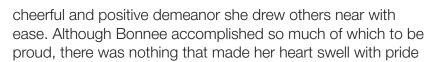
be admired. Blessed to spend the better part of the past 8 years with the love of her life, Bonnee lived life to the fullest each day. She will be dearly missed while her memory is forever cherished.

The first half of the 1940s was very much defined by WWII overseas. Although the United States had remained neutral for a time while tensions brewed, this was no longer an option after the vicious attack on our naval base in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Countless young servicemen and women were then sent overseas to fight for the preservation of the freedoms we still enjoy today. Those who remained stateside gathered around radios to await news from the front lines while becoming familiar with rationing on common goods like sugar, rubber, and paper.

It was during this time of great tension that a young couple from Kalamazoo, Michigan, welcomed twin girls into their hearts and home on November 19, 1940. Bonnee and her twin sister, Billee, were the youngest two of four children born to their parents, Robert and Beatrice "Inez" (Groves) Rainwater, and they were raised in the family home in Vicksburg alongside their older siblings, Bob and Linda.

In many ways Bonnee experienced an upbringing that was typical for the youth





like the children and grandchildren she treasured more than life itself. Life will never be the same without her here, but the timeless legacy she leaves behind will be carried on by those who follow her. Bonnee will never be forgotten.

Bonnee Rainwater, of Vicksburg, died on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Bonnee's family includes her husband, James; two daughters: Jami (Bartt) Nettleman, of Sturgis; Christine

(Randy) Veld, of Scotts; stepchildren: Vickie (Cliff) Fredericks, of SC; Bruce Fredericks, of Vicksburg; four grandchildren: Ashley, Kyle, Samantha, Kevin; two "special" grandchildren: Anita and Adison; siblings: Robert (Sandy) Rainwater, of Vicksburg; Linda (Dr. James) Yates, of TN; Billee (Ronald) Merguie, of AR; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Life

Story Funeral Home, 409 S. Main, Vicksburg (269-649-1697). A funeral service will be held at the same location on Saturday at 2 p.m. Burial will be at the Vicksburg Cemetery. Please visit Bonnee's webpage at www.lifestorynet.com where you

can sign the guestbook, share a memory, and share a photo. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Bronson Hospital NCCU and/or Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation. A special thanks to the Bronson Neuro Critical Care Unit for their compassion and outstanding care over the past two weeks.



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