

Bonnie Jo Jones
Bonnie Jo Jones, 72, of Bartonville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 22, 2026.



She was born December 16, 1953 in Peoria, one of five children to John and Marlene (Mueller) Ramige.

Bonnie held a Bachelor of Arts in Management degree from the University of Illinois. Bonnie was an advocate for children and families in the community. She dedicated her career to Tazwell-Woodford County Head Start for 45 years, majority of which she spent as director. In 2003, the Peoria Marketeer named her as one of Peoria's '25 Women you Need to Know'. In 2018, she received the Margaret Burt Public Health Partnership Award for Tazwell-Woodford County.

Bonnie was the heart and center of her family. Holiday celebrations were filled with happiness and love because of Bonnie's way of telling stories that made you laugh and her ability to make you feel special. The family would cozy up by her warm fireplace to open gifts at Christmas and splash in the pool for Mother's Day. Everyone always had their favorite drinks, snacks, and thoughtful toys to play with. She made sure no one was forgotten. Bonnie was full of wisdom that can only come from lived experiences. One of her famous pieces of advice is, "Nothing good happens after midnight." She had an open-door, help yourself policy. She sacrificially cared for and gave to others without a second thought even up until her final days.

She deeply cherished her close-knit group of Bunco friends and looked forward to their weekly Friday night dinners. She always said she had the best neighbors and was thankful for their unspoken rule to always take care of each other.

Survivors include two children: Michael Vandy of Bartonville and Melissa (Zach Lauterbach) Jones of Peoria; two grandchildren: Megan and Connor Phelan; and two sisters: Julie (Stephen) Cordes of Bartonville and Karen Jewell of Virginia.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter Megan Jones, one brother Steve Ramige and one sister Janet Taylor.

Visitation will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 28, 2026 from 9:00 AM until time of funeral services at 11:00 AM. Pastor Greg Grindinger will officiate, and burial will follow in Glendale Cemetery in Pekin.