



## Bambi Brook

September 1, 1956 - December 23, 2022

Westtown, New York - Bambi Brook, age 66, peacefully passed away on Friday, December 23, 2022 at her daughter's residence. Born in Queens, New York to Gerald Charles and Neda (Austin) Corelli, Bambi lived in Colt's Neck, New Jersey before moving to Westtown, New York 33 years ago. She devoted her life to animals and was the proprietor of the Sanctuary for Animals in Westtown, New York. Bambi is survived by her daughter, Amanda Brook of Unionville, New York; her mother, Neda Corelli of Westtown, New York; her sisters, Babette Corelli of Westtown, New York and Neitcha Brook Holm of Virginia; her niece, Amber Fury of California; and her cousin, Stacey Kinney of Indiana. Memorial services will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the funeral service from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bambi's name to her lifelong mission, The Sanctuary for Animals, 38 William Lain Road, Westtown, NY 10998. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Private Cremation Services

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I always enjoyed seeing Bambi when she came to Indianapolis for RCA events, and we had the pleasure of having her to our home for dinner more than once. I especially remember when she brought an arctic fox with her and playing with it in our living room. Bambi's heart was huge and the world is less wonderful without her in it.  
*Deb Wright*

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**Deb Wright** - January 07, 2023 at 03:09 PM

KL

“ Kathryn E. Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Bambi Brook



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**Kathryn E. Lawrence** - January 06, 2023 at 07:14 PM

KL

*Bambi was a dear friend to my friend, Vera Longbardi, who spoke so highly of her. May she be forever happy and at peace with all of the animals she is now with over the rainbow bridge. My heartfelt condolences to all of her friends and family. Kathie Lawrence*

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**Kathryn E. Lawrence** - January 06, 2023 at 07:17 PM

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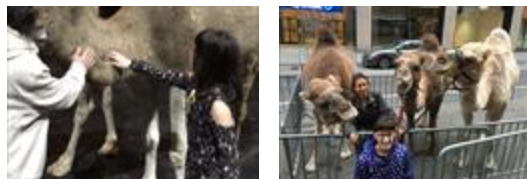
“ *Bambi was an incredible gal who devoted her life to animals and is a legend in her own time. She had a great sense of humor and was easy to laugh. The loss to animals is immense. But, I would think those who passed over the Rainbow Bridge already had a cloud picked out for her. I feel honored to have known her for the past 40 yrs and blessed for the experiences of Blessing of the Animals and spending time behind the scenes at Radio City Christmas Show. My time at the farm to help do chores always went too quickly but something I truly enjoy; I am old but still a good grunt worker. Meeting the animals and spending time there is SO good for my soul. Still hoping to help Amanda when possible. A life snuffed out too early. So numbing for those left behind. - Vera*

Vera Longbardi - January 06, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *Bambi was always so generous to my daughter, who has sensory processing issues and relates uniquely to animals who appear open and receptive to different forms of communication and energy. I think that speaks to why Bambi was such a special person - she was so open and receptive in how she related to other beings. Bambi made my daughter's life fuller and richer, just as she did for all manner of creature. She will be dearly missed. My love and condolences to Amanda and the rest of the family.*

Frank Marraffino



Frank Marraffino - January 06, 2023 at 04:43 PM

LB

“ *Laura Bayza lit a candle in memory of Bambi Brook*



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**Laura Bayza** - January 06, 2023 at 01:34 PM

MA

“ *Mimi & Andy lit a candle in memory of Bambi Brook*



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**Mimi & Andy** - January 06, 2023 at 01:24 PM

MI

*Sending love and light to Amanda and family. Bambi was always a bright light at RCMH for many years backstage. Her memory is a blessing. love Mimi & Andy*

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**Mimi** - January 06, 2023 at 01:26 PM

SC

“ *Sending a huge hug to you Amanda...your wonderful Mom made me feel so welcomed when I was blessed to get on The Line...she'd always let me pet or scratch the cheek of the animals in house @ RCMH...and then you appeared & Bambi was so proud of you! I remember you being like her shadow during the Spectacular! The world is a better place because of your Mom...sending only goodness your way, Stephanie Chase*

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**Stephanie Chase** - January 06, 2023 at 12:35 PM

LM

“ My dear friend & angel Bambi Brook, we have countless amazing memories through all the years together. You were a true animal lover to the very core, from tigers, horses, camels, donkeys, sheep, cats, dogs, pigs, rabbits, birds, ducks, reindeer, kangaroo, swans, zebras, cows, a giraffe etc... There was not an animal you would not take in and help in every way possible. During all the years at Radio City when you were doing 4 and 5 shows per day, you never refused to allow all of our back stage guests visit with all the animals while you could have been resting, eating or taking a nap. The baby Tiger you let me hold and take pics with was so special & exciting for me! All the years that Sean was growing up at the theatre, one of his favorite things to do was spending time with all your beautiful animals. You were always so kind & welcoming, like family. Our times spent at Mi Nidito were so much fun! Amanda's birthday parties at the theatre were always the best! When I called to tell you about those gorgeous love birds released at an event all down here at Chisolms Park a few years ago (a 2 hour drive for you from the sanctuary) you came right over with crates and all the proper equipment to rescue them. We spent almost the whole night down there and after all that you drove 2 hours home with the birds. I do not know anyone else in my life who would have done this for birds. I could go on and on... I can just imagine being enveloped in the love of all the wonderful animals who were in your greeting party as you made your transition home sweet home to spend all eternity with them. All my love to you Bambi, just one very short dimension away, & to Dearest Amanda, and to all your dear loved ones left behind as we grieve your loss in the physical. However, all of heaven rejoices as your beautiful soul returns home as you fly free with the birds and lay down to rest with the lion and the lamb after an amazing earthly life of service to the animal kingdom! God Bless for now & all eternity! Love always! Laraine & Stephanie (We wish we could be there in person tomorrow)



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Laraine Memola - January 06, 2023 at 01:19 AM

JB

“ *Josephine Ciuzio, Minnie Luna & Barney purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bambi Brook.*



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**Josephine Ciuzio, Minnie Luna & Barney** - January 05, 2023  
at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bambi Brook.*



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January 05, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ *We were so fortunate to work closely with Bambi for Season 1 of OMITB. She took both Minnie and I under her wing. She taught us so much. We became friends through the time spent behind the scenes. Chats and meals shared will always be a special memory in my heart. She was and always will be a beautiful light in our world. Sending love and prayers for Amanda and family. I know she will be with everyone she touched. Such a special lady. Beautiful inside and out. Rest easy Bambi. I know your Animals are all with you.*



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**Josephine Ciuzio** - January 04, 2023 at 06:36 PM

FK

“ From Shane and Danielle Kirk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bambi Brook.



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**From Shane and Danielle Kirk** - January 02, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CC

“ Chris Ciardelli lit a candle in memory of Bambi Brook



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**Chris Ciardelli** - December 31, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ I am so saddened By Bambi's passing but the love, kindness and friendship she shared with everyone will always be remembered...she has gained her wings and at peace..I will forever miss her..your friend Chris

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**Chris Ciardelli** - December 31, 2022 at 09:37 PM

LZ

“ Bambi you are a hero to all the animals. Amanda is lucky to have you as her Mother we been friends for over 40yrs love all the shows we did I'm honor to know you you will be missed but always in my  
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**Lucille Ziccardi** - December 31, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bambi Brook.*



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December 31, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bambi Brook.*



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December 31, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Henry Pawlak** - December 31, 2022 at 09:12 AM



*A better time, Bambi showing my grandy, Rinoa around the farm.*

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**Henry Pawlak** - December 31, 2022 at 09:14 AM

AP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ann Therese Patrone-Griffin** - December 30, 2022 at 11:44 PM

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*Amanda and Bambi*💕💕

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**Ann Therese Patrone-Griffin** - December 30, 2022 at 11:44 PM

AP

“ *When I think of Bambi, I think of wildflowers. Beautiful, tenacious and amazingly strong. Bambi was the personification of strength and beauty. She graciously welcomed my husband John and me into her life at the farm. Always showing us with pride and enthusiasm the latest dear creature that was saved from a hard life or certain death.*

*I am forever grateful for the opportunity Bambi gave me to work along side her and the animals at Radio City. She truly enriched my life. I loved being with her. We were immediate friends. I will miss her gentle and strong spirit, her big smile. Her bravery.*

*My condolences to her family and everyone whose life was graced by Bambi, especially her daughter, Amanda. They shared a deep and loving bond.*

*Bambi will forever live on in every rescued animal and every wildflower I set my eyes upon.*

*Much love to my dear friend I will miss you greatly. Peace and love,  
Ann, John and MoonDog the goat*

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**Ann Therese Patrone-Griffin** - December 30, 2022 at 11:41 PM

KP

“ *Bambi and I would talk for hours about the animals for the Christmas Spectacular. I would get to Radio City super early in the morning to talk with her while she walked the animals around before our day of shows began. Bambi was special. I always told her how amazing I thought she was for the work she was so passionate about. She will be missed.* 🍷🍷🍷🍷🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**keisa Parrish** - December 30, 2022 at 11:53 AM

AS

“ *Bambi has always held a special place in the heart and life of anyone who knew her. Bambi was a mentor, then a friend, and grew into the sister I always wanted and was truly Blessed to have shared the laughs and the tears. I love her for all she gave, for all she loved, and for all the memories. I will miss my friend. Rest 'My Bambi'. I Love You, Amy*

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**Amy Sicina** - December 30, 2022 at 05:58 AM

JJ

*So very sorry to hear the news of this dear lady's passing. I was pleased to know her and work for her with my poodles. Condolences to Amanda and the rest of her family. Joan Janssen*

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**Joan Janssen** - December 30, 2022 at 09:38 AM

HW

*My heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of Bambi and I share in your sadness. I am so sorry we lost her so young. She was the hardest working person I ever met and was always so kind to everyone and really cared about the animals. Anyone would be proud to have known her and shared a piece of her life . Amanda you have my unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow*

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**heidi wise** - December 30, 2022 at 10:15 AM

PT

*Sadly I am unable to attend the memorial for my wonderful friend, Bambi Brook. I will always cherish the times we spent on sets together, and how she was so willing to share her skills and knowledge. I am a better trainer and handler today because of her. I am sure she is giving Aunt Barbara "what for" and Todd was waiting for her with a big smile & hug. She will be missed.*

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**Pat Tetrault** - December 31, 2022 at 09:04 PM