



## Bonnie Briggs

July 30, 2013

Wantage - Bonnie Briggs, age 61, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at her residence. Born in Sussex to the late Eugene "Sonny" and Harriet Blackmore, Bonnie had lived in the Sussex-Wantage area for most of her life. She had been a nurse and worked at both St. Clare's Hospital for over 25 years and also at Newton Memorial Hospital for over 10 years. She was very dedicated to her nursing career and often became personally involved with all her patients. Bonnie was always willing to go above and beyond for anyone who needed help and would offer to help anyone who needed it, especially people who needed medical assistance. She was truly a caring woman. Bonnie was a member of the Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #213. She was predeceased by her husband, James Briggs in 1981. Bonnie is survived by her life companion, Elmer "Bucky" Morris, III of Oxford, NY; her two daughters, Jessica Briggs of Vernon and Jillinda Briggs of Wantage; her two sons, John Briggs and his wife Dorothy of Jacksonville, NC and Elmer Morris, IV of Oxford, NY; her sisters, Charlotte Belcher of North Port, FL, Diane Ford of Wantage, Peggy Blackmore of North Port, FL, Linda Tomczak and her husband James of Pine Island, NY, Lisa Lott and her husband Richard of Unionville, NY, Connie Feeney and her husband Raymond of Roxbury, and Cindy Sistler of Ocala, FL; her three grandchildren, James, Jaydin, and Jordin; her aunt, Eileen DeGroat of the Plumsock section of Wantage; and numerous loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 2p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank

Street, Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Private cremation services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post #213, P.O. Box 447, Sussex, NJ 07461 or to the Wantage Township First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 721, Wantage, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Loved working with Bonnie at Newton. What a nice person and a wonderful, caring nurse. We all are shocked and will always miss her. God Bless her in heaven and her family!*

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**Allison** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Linda and family,  
Sorry to hear about Bonnies.  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad and difficult time.  
Always with my love, Adele*

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**Adele Miller** - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I've never met Mrs. Briggs but through her daughter Jillinda, have come to know of her passion for her family and profession. Stories Jillinda used to tell me of her mother spoke of a woman fiercely dedicated to her career in nursing and proud of her children and grandson, James. Like many children who grow into adulthood we never imagine developing some of the same characteristics of our parents. When Jillinda spoke of her mother I was struck on how similar the two were. Jillinda spoke of her mother's dedication,, ethics and commitment to family. My deepest condolences go out to the family and especially to my friend Jillinda. - Angela*

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**Angela Reshard-Player** - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bonnie has been an amazing colleague... just a couple of weeks ago I was desperately looking for someone to switch with me so I can be home for my daughter's second birthday. No-one could do it and I was so sad that I would have to work that day. But Bonnie agreed to switch with me so easily!! She gave me an unforgettable favor - we went with my husband and daughter to celebrate her birthday at children museum and had the time of our lives. I was so happy to be with my baby that day and all thanks to Bonnie. And she was always so compassionate to her patients and always ready to help. My deep condolences to the family. So sorry I work today and tomorrow and can't come to funeral. I'll keep Bonnie in my prayers and I;m hoping she is resting in peace in God's arms...

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**Anna Egorova (RN at St. Clares)** - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ WHAT I REMEMBER THE MOST IS HOW SHE ALWAYS TOOK CARE AND LOVED HER SISTERS.REST IN PEACE BECAUSE HEAVEN IS BLISS

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**MICHAEL BROOKS** - August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have known Bonnie for alot of years and even though we didn't see each other often she always remembered me and was always so nice.She was my nurse quite a few years back when i was in Sussex Hospital and was thoughtful and caring.My Condolences to the family.

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**Robin {owens} Outer** - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ At any time and any place it was like the years and miles never separated us. It has been a true friendship for us. Last month we spent the night at our Wantage reunion sitting and visiting with each other catching up on our families and talking about our parents as well as visiting many old friends. I wish we could go back to the top of the hill 50 years ago to glimpse what we took for granted. You have my and my sisters’ sincere sympathy and love. Patty Killerlain Lorz

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**Patricia Killerlain Lorz** - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM