

## Eulogy for Bonnie Schaub from “The Sisters”

Bonnie created a sisterhood of the ladies you see up here that began 12 years ago and continues to this day. Each of us share our own special memories and experiences with Bonnie, the Sisters want to share with you today some of those that stand out in our minds.

“Sisters” by Georgene Berman

Our special friend, you know her well  
She lives inside us all  
She wakes us in the morning  
With her very special call

Our special friend brings joy to those  
Who know her quirky ways  
Her lists and projects keep her busy  
Each and every day

Our special friend keeps us in line  
She wants the very best  
She even goes as far, you see  
To call herself "The Pest"

Our special friend is one with whom  
We always can depend  
Her giving heart is open wide  
She is a true blue friend

Our special friend, she makes us smile  
Brings laughter to each day  
And in our heart we'll hold her close  
Forever will she stay

Bonnie, we will always love you!!

Our friend Bonnie was the most vibrant and vivacious woman. She was a perfectionist, with her lists, her Post-It notes plastered all over the house - reminding her of appointments, birthdays, and anniversaries. Not one event in our lives was overlooked by Bon. On each of our birthdays, the phone would ring at precisely 8:05 a.m. with her rendition of the Birthday Song. Oh, how we will miss that. Her Christmas shopping was completed months in advanced, all of the presents wrapped and ready in her office closet.

On our first "Sister Trip" to Palm Springs, Bonnie had to have her own room... not because she didn't want to share her space - she insisted it was because she

needed an uninterrupted two hours in front of the mirror. That trip was what bonded the seven of us forever. We had gathered on the dance floor on our last night in Palm Springs, to shake our booties and had a great time. If we only knew then we had such a short time left, we would have danced a little longer. Through Bonnie we adopted two more sisters into our group - her wonderful daughters, Julie and Jenny. They have become such an integral part of our group and we know they will remain with us forever. When we make future plans, we will always save a seat for our dear, sweet Bon, at the head of the table.

Bonnie would expect nothing less from her friends than she was willing to do herself. Bonnie once wrote to her family and friends, a beautiful and touching letter titled "From the Heart" (which I typed for her), on how much she adored Vince, her family and her friends. In the midst of her heartfelt thoughts was the following line... I quote: "Sometimes I can be so darn crabby and unreasonable" end quote. Bon... some of us might have used a couple different adjectives...

(Pause)

Show of hands.... How many of you have called Bon to ask her a question and her immediate response was... "Don't know, Do ya'?"

Although Bonnie is no longer in our presence, she will always remain present in our hearts. We feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know and love her. We will never forget the lessons she taught each one of us... Lessons in love, lessons of life, and in the end, lessons in courage... because she fought her final battle so very hard.

We take comfort in knowing that when it comes our time to take the journey Bonnie just completed... a good friend will be waiting to greet each of us, so we can once again laugh, love, and be together forever.

On a more personal note, I had the privilege of spending a great deal of time alone with Bonnie these last 3 ½ years... I traveled to Houston with her, ran errands with her, took her to doctor's appointments, hair appointments and had many lunches. I was fortunate enough to be by her side until the very end. Bonnie... it's those moments I will treasure in my heart forever.