



# Bonnie Matthews McKeever

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**B**onnie Matthews McKeever, 73, of Germantown passed away Saturday, January 12, 2019 after a valiant four-year battle with cancer. She was born in Winona, MS, December 15, 1945, to John Denman Matthews and Dorothy Halman Owen. Raised in Memphis, Bonnie graduated from Kingsbury High School and attended University of Memphis. Bonnie began her professional career at Plough in Human Resources before performing as a consultant for Johnson Controls. Joining the original Federal Express Corporation (FedEx Express) in 1979, Bonnie began as an insurance supervisor. She quickly rose through the ranks becoming the first Director of Benefits for the corporation, one of few women achieving the Director rank during the 1980's, and also became a founding member for the Memphis Business Group on Health. Retiring in 2003, Bonnie was widely respected by FedEx executive management, peers, management teams and employees. An avid sportswoman, Bonnie excelled in softball, bowling, and golf. In recent years, she was a past President of the Windyke's Ladies Golf League. A devoted Memphis Tiger fan, Bonnie enjoyed all Tiger sporting events through the years. Bonnie enjoyed traveling, was in several bridge clubs, and was a master gardener. Bonnie was married to Robert (Rip) McKeever for 45 years. She leaves behind her son, Ryan McKeever (David Skinner); daughter Kelly McKeever Nelson (Mack); and grandchildren: Madi Nelson Shumake (Caleb); Nelle Skinner; Chet Skinner; and Hartley Nelson. She also leaves sister Beth Matthews Downtin (Tom); brother Steve Halman (Virginia); sister Debbie Matthews Crawley (Stuart); sister-in-law Kathleen McKeever Rouse (Joe); brother-in-law Chris McKeever, and sister-in-law Mary McKeever Swinburne (Ken). Bonnie also had devoted nieces and nephews, extended family, and many friends in Memphis and throughout the country. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until the service. Flowers are welcome or memorials can be made to the American Cancer



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Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall".



## Tribute Wall

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SH

**Sandy And Howard Hayes** posted:

Our sympathy to Rip, Kelly, and Ryan and all the family in the loss of Bonnie. She truly was a lady that will long be remembered for the fun loving hard working woman she was. She fought the good fight until God brought her home. She lived a wonderful life and touched so many. So glad we were able to have had the opportunity to know her .

January 18 at 9:38 AM

BJ

**Buddy Johnson** posted:

Rip, I am so sorry to hear of Bonnie's death. We were all blessed beyond measure to have had Bonnie in our lives. I cannot remember much of my professional life when Bonnie wasn't there. We became friends at Plough where I was also her softball "coach" (She was really the coach). And, there are so many more stories that will be told and re-told in the coming days and weeks. She was a special person. I regret being unable to be with you Friday for her Celebration of Life. But, I will be there in spirit. May God bless you and your family during this time. Buddy

January 17 at 4:09 PM

LC

**Lee Chandler** posted:

Rip so sorry for your loss in my prays

January 17 at 4:39 AM

SS

**Sydney O'daniel Magsig - Sydney Jr.** posted:

Two of the finest ladies of golf are now enjoying time spent together. Remembering the good putts and most of all the wonderful friends, family and loved ones who are missing them the most.

January 15 at 5:06 AM

KI

**Kiev** posted:

Please accept our deepest condolences. We are saddened by the loss of life, but joyful to have had the opportunity to know such a jewel of a woman. Prayers and love, Kiev, Travis, Eli, & Max Tolka

January 14 at 2:11 PM



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BD

**Beth And Tom Downtin** posted:

Our deepest sympathy in the loss of my sister Bonnie to her devoted husband RIP and children in laws and grands. Her smile radiated constantly and she leaves so many who loved her! I love u Bonnie!! Beth Matthews Downtin..Tom and family. WE ALL LOVED YOU AND WILL FOREVER!

January 14 at 12:45 PM

SR

**Steve Robbins** posted:

RIP dear friend..

January 14 at 7:14 AM

LJ

**Laverne D Jones** posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences. Look to God for comfort in your time of sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 He will hear your prayers. Psalm 65:2

January 14 at 4:24 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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