



## BONNIE JEAN MCNEELY

December 13, 1934 - January 25, 2016

Bonnie Jean McNeely died peacefully, surrounded by the dolls she loved, on Jan. 25, 2016 in Nevada City, California.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1934 in Peabody, Kansas to parents Melvin Suffield and Vera Fink Knight. Bonnie married Donald K. McNeely Nov. 5, 1951.

Bonnie was a very strong willed, hardworking lady that did everything with a passion. She owned the costume shop in Rough and Ready and with the help of her sister Norma, sewed most all of the costumes in the shop. She loved to play the piano. Music filled her big heart. Collecting dolls was another of her passions.

Bonnie was always happy and loving especially to her beloved grandchildren and friends. She was a joy to be around. One of her passions was the annual Rough and Ready Secession Day Play. She made sure all costumes and music were period correct. She cared very much for her community.

Bonnie had a crazy funny sense of humor and would say that something was “funnier than a crutch” or “fine as frog hair”. She was also a thrift store connoisseur.

Bonnie passed away from lung cancer and put up a valiant fight until the end,

“spicing” her last four months up with witty comments to family, hospice care givers and niece Karen Stroud.

She is survived by her daughter Linda Cox; and sons, Larry and Tim McNeely.

Preceded in death by her husband Donald Keith McNeely.

She is a big loss to the community.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Rough and Ready Grange, 14550 Rough and Ready Highway. Pot luck to follow.

Arrangements are under the care of Chapel of the Angels Mortuary.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so thrilled when I discovered Bonnie lived up in No. CA. I knew her from when I was a young kid in Bell Gardens. She always spoke so highly of my Dad, Kermit Byrd. Thank goodness I got to see her several times before she left this earth. I already miss her.

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