



Yvonne Marie Kavanagh

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Ireland in the 1950's was under the strict control of heavy green moss on the stones and tree trunks throughout the island. In the early years of that decade a number of children were born to proud moms.

One of those moms, Anne Doherty gave birth to a little girl who never slowed enough to allow that moss to cling to her. The little girl was Yvonne. When Yvonne was one year old, her Country sent her to provide a bright light to a new family in Pittsburg, Kansas. She became the light of her new parents in Pittsburg, Tom and Cleo Kavanagh.

She grew up in Pittsburg under the guidance of Tom and Cleo and provided guidance of her own to a brother, Peter and little sister, Kathleen. Yvonne was known to all as Vonnie and many people knew her only as Vonnie. Vonnie, after leaving Ireland grew up in Pittsburg, attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from Colgan High School in the class of 1971.

She kept very close friends from Colgan, Chris, Kathy and Theresa, throughout her life as her friends, guides and occasionally accomplices.

She married and had three children, Kerri, Eddie and Sara. With husband Ed they lived in Pittsburg and for a couple of decades she operated a day care in her home and continued to hear from those children throughout her life and into their adult lives. In the late 1990's after the end of her Pittsburg parents' lives she decided to check in on her origin family back in Ireland.

Sure enough mom Anne and her father had married and had six more children, Vonnie's brothers and sisters. They are Norahanne, Henry, Eamonn, Audrey Gerard and Claire. In 1998 Vonnie had a great reunion with them back in Ireland. Mom Anne missed Vonnie from 1954 until 1998 and reminded the brothers and sisters many times "You have an older sister and some day we will find her." Through Vonnie's persistence her mother's repeated assurance to the children was realized. Vonnie's world was crushed twice with the deaths of her little sister, Kathleen and extraordinary son, Eddie. Vonnie leaves her husband, Ed, Girard, Kansas, brother, Peter



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Kavanagh, Dallas, Texas, her children Kerri, Miami, Oklahoma and Sara, Girard, Kansas. She leaves her grandchildren Adrian Scroggins, Tyler Scroggins, Halle Scroggins, Gavin Scroggins and Jordan Chatman, children of Kerri. Grandchildren Jacob Cerutti, Emersyn Cerutti and Adalyn Cerutti, children of Sara.

Vonnie and Ed most recently lived in Girard, Kansas.

Vonnie left us on March 16, 2024 in the midst of preparations for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations. The next day, St. Patrick was heard to say to the angels "I don't see Vonnie down there at the party. where is she?" They answered "she's here, she's here!" Celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



Tribute Wall

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JW

John Warren posted:

Peter, I'm sorry for your loss. Her life story is truly special. John Warren

March 28 at 4:30 AM

MF

Mary Ann Forsythe posted:

I have so many fond memories of time spent with Vonnie. I met her after high school in what I call our running around days. Such fun years and so much laughter! Even though our lives took different paths once we both married and had our families - if we ran into each other we would always hug and laugh and reminisce of all the good times. I know Vonnie was so proud of her family and you meant the world to her. My sympathy to Ed and all the family. Rest in peace my friend ❤️

March 24 at 5:38 AM

TN

Theresa Noland posted:

My sincerest sympathy to all of Vonnie's family. She leaves a void to many whose lives she touched. Vonnie was able to survive life's blows and still manage to smile and reach out to others. A larger than life personality and all the adventures we shared will not be forgotten. You are now free to fly! Slainte.

March 20 at 1:07 PM

JM

Judy Meister March 27 at 12:16 PM

So sorry for your loss Ed and your family. Judy Davis MEISTER



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Yvonne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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