



Victoria (Nelms) Altadonna Bowen

November 9, 1946 - July 6, 2018

Our beautiful, loving mother, meemaw, sister and friend, Victoria “Vicki” (Nelms) Bowen, passed away Friday, July 6, 2018, at the age of 71.

She was born November 9, 1946 in Centralia, the daughter of Lawrence Rudolph Nelms and Maxine (Hiltibidal) Woodward and the granddaughter of Goldie and Joe Hiltibidal of Walnut Hill, Illinois.

Vicki is survived by two daughters: Tosha Bollent and husband Dave of Apollo Beach, Florida and Maria Lauder and husband John of Centralia; three grandsons: Trevor Altadonna of Apollo Beach, Florida, Logan Lauder and Max Lauder both of Centralia; two sisters: Pat Pawlisa and husband Tom of Centralia and Tonia Schofield and husband Jay of Greensburg, Indiana; a brother: Scott Woodward of Tennessee; two nieces: Misty Pawlisa of Centralia and Morgan Schofield of Greensburg, Indiana; a nephew: Christopher Woodward of Tennessee; her loving companion: Dr. Tom Wood of Centralia, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Vicki worked in the Cosmetic Retail Industry for 25 years and worked the last 16 years for Neiman Marcus in Tampa, Florida.

Please know that your love and friendship meant the world to our mother and we will celebrate her life always! Mom loved to explore and now she is on her next adventure in Heaven! Be kind to one another, for all we have is each other!

Per Vicki’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded and no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an animal charity of your choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Bowen Family. Online condolences may be to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ We are so sorry to hear about Vicki. We have many fun memories from way back during our college years. She was always a beautiful, happy, fun lady and great friend. I know she is and will be missed by all. Lost her and your dad Tosha and Maria way too soon. Love you girls, David and Chery Killion

David and Cheryl Killion - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I just found out about Vicky yesterday through a friend at the Mall and I'm in total shock; she was the loveliest person I've ever met; I worked with her at Neiman's for a short time and then I was a client of hers forever! We both loved Paris so and always talked about it and our experiences there. I'm so sorry for your loss; however, be sure she's smiling on you girls and all her grandchildren and family. God Bless you all.

Dianne Najjar - August 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ miss you so much mom

July 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh my dear sweet Binky. I remember just about every moment with you. So much laughter. You were just a class act. You would take me upstairs to the clothing department during sales...of course I gave you all my sales for the commission LOL. You would point out the good deals and the not so good deals. We shared so many stories. Our divorces, children, grandchildren our struggles and dreams. I remember seeing you about a year and a half ago when I went to visit my mom in Florida and you looked wonderful. Except for the burn on your foot from the hot pocket LOL...You said...can you believe this? The crazy things we would do. Ill never forget your last Strong hug and kiss and how you said how much you missed me and loved me. That will stay with me forever. At times I think this was just a big mistake and it didnt happen. So full of life, love, laughter such a gigantic soul in such a little body!! I loved hearing your stories about your daughters and grandkids. I was so happy that you found love when I went to visit you in May and they told me... didnt you hear Vickie fell in love packed up and left to Illinois to be near her daughter and start her life over????!!! We spoke of this so often that you wanted to just get out and go. Doesnt seem fair!! I will love you forever my dear sweet friend. We didnt have to speak but we knew we thought about one another often and when we saw each other it was nothing but pure joy. I love you Vickie thank you for the memories and the loud laughter that shattered Neimen Marcus :(Love Alicia/Alice Landis

Alicia/Alice Landis - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ She was such a joy to work with. She always found humor in everything and we usually ended up giggling over some silly thing. I miss you, Vicki!

Sara Booz - July 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always. friend of Patty Pawlisa

sue DIESEN - July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Vicki's passing. She was a sweet and beautiful person inside and out. In the 5.5 years I worked with her at Neiman Marcus I can safely say I never saw her in the same outfit twice. May she rest in eternal peace.

Josh Haskins - July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear mom, I love and miss you so very much...Please rest in peace and watch over us. You are forever in my heart, soul and love.

July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Vicky at Neiman Marcus. She was such a kind & gentile person, besides being a lot of fun! RIP, Vicky

camille box - July 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat Im so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to you and the family

Sue Mashburn - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM