



Vicki L. Freidhof

July 29, 2020

Vicki L. Freidhof, (nee Boyd), age 69, of Brecksville, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Chuck Freidhof. Loving mother of Zach Freidhof. Cherished sister of Patti Boyd. Dear aunt of Robin Barbacane (Tim), Lori McArthur & Melissa Granato. Great aunt of Matthew Barbacane and Jax, Bryce & Cole McArthur. Cousin of Patty McDowell, Tracy Zimmerman, and Bobbeye (John) Wagner.

Vicki brought joy and laughter to everyone who knew her. During her 20+ year career in the library at Highland Drive Elementary School. She found a great deal of fulfillment working with the kids and other teachers, and she impacted the lives of countless kids.

Quick to laugh at a situation and herself, she would often inspire smiles and laughter everywhere she went. She was never above silly hats or goofy faces, and always had a hug ready when needed. Though she was happy to lighten the hearts of others, her care was genuine and an essential part of her very being. If she was thinking of you, you'd probably find a silly or heartfelt card in your mailbox, or a little text or waving picture.

She loved dancing and singing random Christmas carols and old show tunes, whether or not she knew the words. A smile full across her face would often coincide with that singing and dancing.

Frequently attending her son's concerts and events brought her much joy. Not just the pride of her son, but she loved his music, and she loved the community of Zach's fans and followers. Many deep lifelong friends arose through these events.

One of her favorite places was Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she and her sister spent many happy hours walking by the rivers and meadows, and taking in the sweeping mountain vistas. Wildlife viewing, from the car, was a favorite evening pastime, especially if it involved getting caught in a bison jam or seeing and hearing the wolves howling.

As one person has said this week of Vicki, "She is a huge heart in a tiny package."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Big Love Network, <https://biglovenetwork.us/donate/> Or via check to: Big Love Network, 1111 Carey Ave #1, Akron, Ohio 44314.

The Big Love Network is an Akron-centric 501c3 non-profit environmental health equity organization that supports community and neighborhood through arts, culture, permaculture, and organizing.

One day soon we will all be able to gather again safely; we will all be able to share presence and hugs, stories, songs, and laughter. When that can happen, there will be a memorial celebration in Vicki's honor, and you are invited.

There will be a private service that will be broadcast via Zoom on Friday, August 7th, 2020, at 11am. The link will be updated soon, and will be posted on both Zach and Vicki Freidhof's Facebook pages.

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I hope to see you sharing your smiles, compliments, time, money, and energy with those around you.

We must truly wish to be the change that we want to see.

And we can do it.

We are doing it.

I believe the future is full of mindfulness where hearts mean more than our accounts.

The Love Initiative.

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New CD - What I Meant to Say - now available! www.zachmusic.net/order.html and itunes!

Comments



“ Zack and Vicki's Entire Family, I had the pleasure of working with Vicki at TRW International back in the 80's & 90's! She Always had this "Sincere Caring" for her fellow Employee's! Her Great Laugh and Smile was Always There! She was a True Friend!

I will Always Remember Her! She's looking down on us everyday with that "Big Wonderful Smile! God Bless Her!

Bill Walters- September 09 at 8:30 PM

William R Walters - September 09, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Jan Friedlund lit a candle in memory of Vicki L. Freidhof



Jan Friedlund - August 07, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ It did not take long to know Vicki before loving her - so full of life and light. Blessings to you, Zach and Patti. Know that you are embraced by the love of many. Jan Friedlund

Jan Friedlund - August 07, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Dear Zach, words can't express the sadness we all feel. Your mom was always making us laugh. I worked with her in the elementary buildings. She always was caring, helpful and made you feel needed. May God Bless you with strength and may her memory be eternal. Karen Kowalchik

Karen Kowalchik - August 05, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Every time I had the pleasure of being around Vicki her cheerful nature filled the room. Zach how fantastic to have such a great Mom for that she will always be- Robin & Lori, Aunts hold a special place. My deepest condolences, Lacy Paulussen



Lacy Paulussen - August 04, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Tom Thompson lit a candle in memory of Vicki L. Freidhof



tom thompson - August 04, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Tom Thompson - Cuyahoga Falls Oh

Zach and the entire family of Vicki Freidhof. Words and actions are not enough to convey the sorrow felt for your loss. But then, they are all we have. To lose a parent at such a young age is a sorrowful thing. I didn't know Vicki well, only enough to have spoken with her when she was at a "Zach" performance in the area. I could tell from watching her that she was one of your two biggest fans. Her admiring gaze at your artistry was enough to make me sure of that. Sadly we can't hold on to our loved ones forever and have to bid them farewell in our own way. Your loving tribute to your mother, on your facebook page, painted a picture of what kind of woman and mother she was. I trust that your faith and thousands of fond memories will comfort and sustain you during this sad time and transform it into joyous time for all your life. I am reminded of some words that I quoted in both my parents eulogies . ----

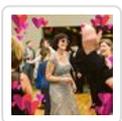
"I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night."
Rest in peace Vicki Freidhof

Tom Thompson - August 04, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Vicki and I had a friendship that I will always cherish. There was always laughter and fun. But serious times too. My heart goes out to you Zach and the rest of her family. My only consolation in losing such a good friend is that she is with the love of her life now. May eternal light shine upon her.

Betsy Raimer - August 04, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Although I worked a very short time with Vicki when she worked at Chippewa Elementary, I always knew she was there because of the laughter and light-hearted singing and dancing she brought to the building. You could not help but feel better for spending time with Vicki. Her happy-go-lucky demeanor was contagious. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Cathy McKelvey - August 03, 2020 at 08:05 PM