

# Bonita "Bonnie" Romeo, 75

My loving sister and friend, Bonita "Bonnie" Romeo, 75, of Montour Falls, NY, reunited with our parents, brother and sister on Sunday, November 22, 2026.

Bonnie was born in Montour Falls, NY on November 9, 1951. She graduated from Odessa-Montour Central School in 1969. Bonnie always kept in close contact with her classmates.

As a young person, she loved walking up the hill alongside of Shequaga Falls and sitting on "her ledge" at the top by the water. She would then pull out her book and read alongside the running water. This would always scare the local police when they saw her up there, and they would try to talk her off her peaceful ledge.

Bonnie had many accomplishments in her life. She successfully obtained her Master Degree from Mansfield University while teaching. She also published several articles and poems.

Other than her family, one of Bonnie's great loves was teaching "her kids" at Newark Valley Central School, where she taught for over 30 years. During her time at Newark Valley Central School, she created and managed an AP Long Distance English Program. Her other love was being at The Boat House on Seneca Lake.

Her love of family was unsurpassed. Our dad once told the family "the problem with this family is that we love each other too much".

Bonnie was predeceased by her parents, Dominic J. "Mim" and Ethel N. Romeo; and siblings, Donald J. Romeo and Karen E. Romeo.

Bonnie is survived by her sister, Sandra J. Romeo of Horseheads; extended family in Ithaca and Watkins Glen area; childhood friends that lasted a lifetime, Sandra and Sharon; and her beloved canine companions, Little Pearl and Little Cassie, who Bonnie cared for with so much love. They both had many dog beds, and Cassie had her own little couch downstairs and her own bedroom upstairs.

Throughout her adult life, she accumulated many friends from college and from her teaching career. She thought the world of all of you.

My sister was my friend. We shared so many wonderful memories from young age to old. She will be dearly missed.

I would like to give a special thanks to neighbors, Brian and Randy, who have been true friends and helped Bonnie in so many ways; and Dell, Dan & staff at the Blue Ribbon Diner for delivering meals and visiting with Bonnie.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Sunday, November 29, 2026 from 1-3 pm at Haughey-Wood & Zinger Funeral Home, 122 N. Genesee St., Montour Falls, NY. A graveside service will be held on Monday, November 30, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, State Route 14, Watkins Glen. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit www.haugheywoodzinger.com

