



Mary "Dee Dee" Black

August 25, 1936 - May 6, 2008

Mary Lee "Dee Dee" Black, 71, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Kankakee, died Tuesday (May 6, 2008), following a long, courageous battle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and diabetes. A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. Saturday until the 1 p.m. memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her name to The American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, N.Y., NY 10006; or to Casa de la Luz Hospice, 5830 N. Fountains Ave., Building 2, Tucson, AZ 85704. Mary was born Aug. 25, 1936, in Kankakee, the daughter of Noel and Lois Wertz Diamond. She graduated from Kankakee High School in 1954, attended the University of Wisconsin and returned to Kankakee to marry and raise her family. She was a former PTA president, active in many civic organizations and loved her job as a travel agent for many years. Mary and Bruce moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1997. Mary is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bruce Black; her daughter, Becky (Brad) Holden of Glenview; her son, David (Beth) Black of Scotts Valley, Calif.; four grandchildren, Alex Black and Bo, Sarah and Molly Holden; two brothers, Lyle (Sue) Diamond of Flowery Branch, Ga., Darrough (Linda) Diamond of Clearwater, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Wertz Johnson and Noel Diamond; as well as her sister, Loel Siewert.

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“ Bruce & Family.

Beverly's and my thoughts and prayers are with you. May DeeDee rest in peace now that she is in God's hands.

Wayne##imported-begin##Wayne Putnam##imported-end##

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to Bruce and his children at this time. ĩ½DeeDee was a super nice lady we will always remember you both from Exline. ĩ½

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“ I am so sorry to read of Dee Dee's death. I wanted to say that I remember the Diamond family from my childhood on south Greenwood Ave..

Darrough was a school mate of my brother's, Garrison Bruso!

May you all find peace and love in God's hands.##imported-begin##Pamela Bruso##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Bud Beggs##imported-end##

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“ You have our deepest sympathies.

I have so many good memories of Dee Dee. Whenever I was at your house, she treated me as one of her own. Which meant I got into trouble a few times too. But it was usually Becky's fault!!

I will always remember her laugh and smile and how proud she was of all of you.##imported-begin##tammy billadeau##imported-end##

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“ I was so, so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy. Fond meories of our days at McNamara H.S. and our parents involvement with Madcaps. Know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time.

"Beaumont"##imported-begin##Hugh Janda##imported-end##

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“ I am one year one day older than Dee Dee and as long as she is remembered her spirit is still alive. She looks so much like her mother as I remember her##imported-begin##nancy genschaw##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Black, Becky & David,

I have fond memories of your wife/mother. She was always friendly, nice and had great clothes! I babysat several times for Becky & David. i½You have my sympathy.

Joyce Ruder Jackson

(daughter of Ray/Dolores Ruder)##imported-begin##Joyce Ruder Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Bruce, Becky, Dave and family

We wish our condolences and express our sympathies for your loss. i½I'm very sorry that we did not attend the service on Saturday and failed to see you in person. i½My age is starting to show as this is not the first time I've missed an important service. i½I got wrapped up in removing our old furnace and completely lost track of time. i½Again, our thoughts are with you at this time.

Mike and Susan##imported-begin##Mike and Susan Bourgeois##imported-end##

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