



Vicki L. Hensley

December 22, 1949 - January 7, 2016

Vicki L. Hensley, age 66 of Naples, FL formerly an area resident died Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Avow Hospice, Naples, FL. She was born Dec. 22, 1949 in Kankakee, IL to Floyd and Geraldine Denault Tobenski. Vicki married Robert A. Hensley on June 10, 1995 in Bourbonnais, IL. Survivors include her mother, Geraldine Tobenski of Irwin, IL.; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Christopher (Aimee) Hensley of Estero, FL; Robert (Jillian) Hensley of Manteno, IL; one daughter and son-in-law, April Lynn (Eric) Lueder, of Bourbonnais, IL; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Pamela Kennedy of Channahon, IL; Bonnie Draper of Kankakee, IL and Connie (Rex) Dionne of Herscher, IL; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis (Janice) Tobenski of Irwin, IL and Randy (Jill) Tobenski of Kankakee, IL., and eight grandchildren. Other survivors include her mother-in-law Norma Hensley of Steger, IL; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Sue Ann (David) Carmen of Homewood, IL; Brian (Roberta) Hensley of Cave Creek, AZ; and Michael Hensley of Steger, IL; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Floyd Tobenski, her father-in-law, Robert Hensley, Sr., and brother-in-law, Bill Kennedy.

Vicki was a retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Kankakee and Iroquois Counties for 17 years; Chairperson for Professional Development for the State Board of Education for 10 years; she taught at St. Joseph School, Bradley and Shabonna School in Bourbonnais. She was coordinator of the Gifted Program for Bourbonnais School District. She was a graduate of

Herscher High School, Northern Illinois University, M.S. in Education at Olivet Nazarene University; Certificate of Education Administration from Illinois State University; had been studying for her Doctorate at the University of Illinois.

Vicki was a former board member of the American Cancer Society, a member of Christian Women's Group, a member of St. Ann Church and CCW in Marco Island, FL. She enjoyed golfing; travelling, especially to Paris and Italy; attending art fairs; enjoyed cooking; and was devoted to her puppies.

Visitation will be Wed., Jan. 13 from 2-8 PM at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, IL. Visitation will also be from 10 until the time of Mass at 11 AM at St. James Church, Irwin, IL. Rev. Douglas Hauber will preside. Cremation rites will be accorded following the funeral mass. A memorial will be established for further Professional Development in Education in her name or for masses.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
Irwin Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-5443

Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Bridgett lit a candle in memory of Vicki L. Hensley*



Bridgett - January 16, 2016 at 06:13 PM

DK

“ *Sincere condolences to Vicki's family. She was my daughter's teacher in second and third grades at Shabbona School. Such a caring person and teacher. I also worked with Vicki at the Bourbonnais Administrative Office. She always had a smile for everyone and took her profession very seriously. I am so sorry for her loss. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. She will always be in our family's memories. Donna Kendregan and Sherry Kendregan-Good.*

Donna Kendregan - January 14, 2016 at 11:27 PM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Vicki L. Hensley*



Dewey Kilbride - January 14, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *Our sympathies to Vicki's family. She was our next door neighbor when we moved to Bourbonnais. She was a very kind and giving person. She will be missed.*

Linda Shamblin - January 14, 2016 at 09:22 AM

JB

“ *Rob, our heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Fran and I were particularly blessed to know her over the past seven years and to benefit from her loving and gracious personality. Your love for each other was like a fairy tale come true; so rare and inspirational to observe. Vicki's obvious love of people and selflessness ministered to us all. Her beautiful spirit will live on in our hearts forever and continue to encourage us in our own walk in life. We know she is now wrapped in the arms of our loving God. With love forever, Jon, Fran, Chris and Kyra Bussing*

Jon Bussing - January 13, 2016 at 07:39 PM

JB

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to Vicki's husband, Robert, her mother and entire family. As a colleague, Vicki was one of the most dedicated individuals I know and her heart and passion made a difference for so many people. As a friend, she was kind and thoughtful and always kept a positive attitude, no matter what challenges she faced. Vicki will be missed by many people. I feel blessed to have known her and I hope in time, your wonderful memories of her give you comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Jodi Bouris

Jodi Bouris - January 13, 2016 at 03:00 PM

SU

“ Vicki was a beautiful person, a beautiful soul, who showed kindness and grace towards others, and whose smile lit up a room. She had a rare elegance about her...a special grace that was uniquely all her own. We are very sorry that we cannot be there today. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you all.
Love, Tom & Susan Kennedy

susan - January 13, 2016 at 02:55 PM

CM

“ Vicki was a beautiful person inside & out! She as a lovely human being!
Prayers for her family,
Connie Marvel-Kendziorek

Connie Marvel-Kendziorek - January 13, 2016 at 01:42 PM

PL

“ Our deepest condolences to Bob and family on the loss of Vicki. We didn't know her well but have heard what a wonderful woman and educator she was. Our sympathy to all.

Pamm and Jerry Lesinski

Pamela Lesinskiu - January 13, 2016 at 01:35 PM

LG

Bob and family we would like to offer our sincere condolences on the death of Vicki. All our thoughts are with you.

LINDA AND JACQUES GIGUERE

LINDA AND JACQUES GIGUERE - January 14, 2016 at 10:03 AM

CO

“ I was very saddened to hear of Vicki's passing. I worked for Vicki for 7 years and she was the best boss I could have had. She was kind, fair, thoughtful of others and never afraid to let us spread our wings and fly. She motivated me with her passion for life and I will forever be grateful and proud to say that I knew her. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this time. May she rest in the arms of Jesus. Candy Olesen

Candy Olesen - January 13, 2016 at 01:35 PM

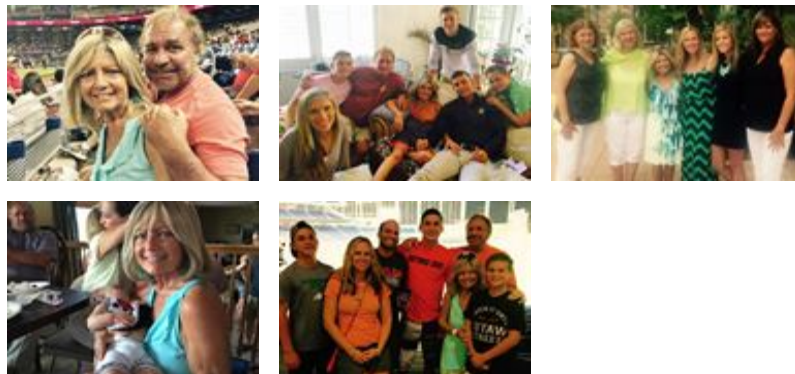
DK

“ It was so sad to hear of Vicki's passing. What a wonderful person and such a great leader for education in the state of Illinois. She could light up a room with her enthusiasm and motivate people with her energy. Thoughts and prayers go out to her family in such a devastating loss. She is now in the comfort of God's hands. Don Kachur

Donald Kachur - January 13, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 13, 2016 at 10:13 AM

MA

“ Vicki hosted many executive meetings & Bible studies for Christian Women's Club for several years and was a committed Christian who was loved by those she served with!! Marti Glade

MarthaGlade@Yahoo.com - January 13, 2016 at 01:25 AM

JF

“ Your family has our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Joe and CArol Fritz - January 12, 2016 at 08:46 PM

JH

“ So very sad to hear of the passing of such a wonderful lady. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Vicki in Bourbonnais clear back in the late 80's. Vicki was always positive, profession and pleasant. She was a leader and made a difference as a teacher and as an administrator. She was a good friend and loved her family. Heaven has absolutely gained an angel. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Jackie Hernandez

Jackie Hernandez - January 12, 2016 at 08:01 PM

JR

“ My most sincere sympathies to Vicki's family. I'm a former student of hers when she taught 2nd Grade at St Joes. She was always my favorite teacher. I have lots of great memories of her. She was so energetic and creative!

John Ruder - January 12, 2016 at 06:58 PM

AC

“ To you Rob and your family, our sympathy and prayers

Nick and Arlene Cullen

Arlene Cullen - January 12, 2016 at 06:52 PM

TN

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of a dedicated educator.

Tricia Nagel - January 12, 2016 at 05:21 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Vicki's passing. Everyone from Irwin is proud of her and her many accomplishments. As her neighbors and classmates from St. James in Irwin to Herscher High, we remember Vicki as a good student, friend, and more importantly, a good person. God Bless the Tobenski and Hensley families during this difficult time. Love, John and Lois (Borschnack) Dittrich, Tempe, AZ

John and Lois Dittrich - January 12, 2016 at 04:32 PM

BL

“ My heart breaks but I know she's at peace...my condolence goes out to the Tobenski and Hensley family's...I love you Vicki and will miss your beautiful smile...Becky Love

becky love - January 12, 2016 at 02:21 PM

NJ

“ Sincere condolences from Vicki's friends and colleagues at the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Vicki was a leader in and advocate for induction and mentoring for Illinois beginning teachers.

Nancy Johnson - January 12, 2016 at 01:45 PM

WM

“ Our sincerest sympathy to all the family of sweet Vicki...She was beautiful, inside and out, and so very courageous. You - and your smile - will be missed by all who were blessed to know you.
Wendy & Ross McKeon

Wendy & Ross McKeon - January 12, 2016 at 09:41 AM

MR

“ So sorry for the families loss, hugs and prayers to all of you.

Marla Blanchette Rommel - January 12, 2016 at 09:22 AM

RM

“ My sympathy and condolences to Vicki's family and her co-workers at the Regional Office of Education. She was such a consummate professional. Everything she did, she excelled in with ease. Such a classy lady, and I know she will be missed by many.

Rose Devine Mitchell - January 12, 2016 at 09:15 AM

RS

“ My sincere sympathy goes out to Vicki's family. I had the privilege of working with her in the past with Regional Office of Education and state education issues. Also enjoyed visiting with her at the golf outings we participated in. She was such a joy to be around and was always so friendly to everyone. No doubt everyone who had the opportunity to know her have many wonderful memories. She will truly be missed.

*Richard Shelby
Macon-Piatt Regional Supt. of Schools (Retired)
Decatur, IL*

Richard Shelby - January 12, 2016 at 05:18 AM



“ *Much love to the Tobenski family from the Papineau family.*

D'ete Cotsones - January 11, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ *She was an amazing first grade teacher. I remember her well. My condolences to your family*

Tawni Buente - January 11, 2016 at 06:28 PM