



Billie Jo Bruce

November 12, 1972 - December 30, 2020

Billie Jo (Orndoff) Bruce, 48 of Washington, PA died Wednesday December 30, 2020 in her home. Billie was born November 12, 1972 in Waynesburg. She was the daughter of Joan Lewis Caputo of Richeyville and William Orndoff of Punta Gorda, Florida. She was also raised by her loving stepfather Joseph Caputo of Richeyville. Billie Jo graduated from Bethlehem Center High School in 1990. She continued her education at Western School of Health and Business where she became a medical assistant. In 2003, she married Allen Wayne Bruce. Billie struggled for almost two decades with an opiate addiction. Once she stopped using heroin, she continued to feed her addiction with synthetic heroin, anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, and anti-anxiety medication in large doses, prescribed by medical professionals. As a result, she was further estranged from her family and struggled to function in society. A young beautiful soul was lost to addiction. Beyond the addict was an incredible person with an infectious smile and sarcastic sense of humor that would have her loved ones in stitches. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was smart and witty and hilarious. She will be missed eternally. It is our hope that by sharing Billie and her family's struggle we can raise awareness about what happens when an addict stops using street drugs and replaces them with equally harmful prescription medications. In addition to her husband and parents, left to cherish her memory are one sister, Jennifer Schmidt (Curtis Guthrie) of Centerville; three daughters, Shaylee Teegarden (Michael) of Monessen, Allena Bruce and Irelyn Bruce of Washington; three

grandsons, Aris, Axel and Wyatt; two nephews and a niece, Steven, Sydney and Shane. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Colin Bruce. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no public visitation at this time. The family is planning a celebration of life in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300 www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com

Tribute Wall

FF

“ *Family Friend lit a candle in memory of Billie Jo Bruce*



Family friend - January 23, 2021 at 08:36 PM

JU

“ *So very sorry for your loss Jennifer. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

JoAnne Uphold

JoAnne Uphold - January 06, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Billie Jo Bruce.*



January 05, 2021 at 07:02 PM

ES

“ *Evelyn Stankola lit a candle in memory of Billie Jo Bruce*



Evelyn Stankola - January 05, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DS

“ Thank you for sharing Billie's story. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Darlene Shape

Darlene Shape - January 05, 2021 at 09:08 AM

PW

“ I do not know Billie or her family, but My prayers are being sent up for loved ones of this young lady. It took much bravery to write her struggles in print and I thank you that you shared her beauty and struggle. Many are out there, suffering from these terrible demons and I pray that Billie's story will help all who read it.

May God comfort each of you right where you are and how you need it.

pam woods - January 05, 2021 at 08:15 AM

PW

“ Pat And Patty Waugh lit a candle in memory of Billie Jo Bruce



Pat and Patty Waugh - January 04, 2021 at 08:03 PM

MG

“ Billie was an old soul....Her struggle was real....and she tried hard to step away from her disease....People loved her in spite of her addiction.....She was fiesty, funny and kind....She was a diamond in the rough....unpolished gold....elusive and but blessed with the ability to care for others.... We'll miss you Baby Girl....

MARY C GAULT - January 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM

TM

“ *Sorry for your loss. May she Rest In Peace. Prayers of comfort to the family.*

Tonya and Art Moore - January 04, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JL

“ *Jennifer, to you and the entire family my prayers go out to you. Your obituary of Billy Jo is sad, beautiful, honest and hopefully helpful. Such a tragedy, I am so sorry.*

Love

Aunt Joan

Joan Lesnick - January 04, 2021 at 12:33 PM

NH

“ *Billie jo it's been a long time but I remember babysitting you when you was just a cute shy tiny thing. I'm so sorry that addiction took hold of you but your at peace now god bless you love you.*

Nancy Hillberry!

Nancy Hillberry/Sisler - January 04, 2021 at 12:33 PM

BO

“ I remember your sister well from years ago and am so very very sorry for such a beautiful life lost. It was so brave of you to put her addiction story in her obit. Too many times people want to hide behind the fact of what is really going on in your loved ones life where we need this awareness brought out in the open. Usually when you see in an obit that they have passed at home, you know it was either an overdose or suicide. I commend you for being so strong in your feelings to bring this into the open. How well i know your pain and i also remember how kind you where when i lost tony. Mental health is a serious issue in the this country today. I pray that you find peace and you are definitely in my heart.
Bonnie (zirkle) Celestine

bonnie - January 04, 2021 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ Debra Morosky lit a candle in memory of Billie Jo Bruce



Debra Morosky - January 04, 2021 at 11:57 AM