



## Bobbie Lea Blevins

May 12, 1956 - August 31, 2024

A CHAMPION for lost, stray, abused and neglected animals, our beloved Bobbie Lea Blevins transitioned unexpectedly into God's waiting arms on Saturday, August 31, 2024. Waiting for her - by God's side, her German Shepherd, Junie who greeted her with eager kisses as she arrived Bobbie called Louisville, KY home for over 40+ years. She is irreplaceable and leaves a huge void in our lives and a giant hole in our hearts.

Bobbie was born at Fort Riley Army Base, Junction City, KS on May 12, 1956. She spent her early life growing up in Ohio, Florida, and Kentucky. She attended The University of Ohio as a freshman and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Health Services degree in May - 1979. Starting out on the bench as a Med Tech she worked her way up through the ranks Healthcare Administration, retiring early, due to medical issues in June 2016.

Bobbie was preceded in death by grandparents, Dave and Martha (Horn) Vance and Lou and Lona (Payne) Blevins. Also showing her way across the Rainbow Bridge and into Heaven were her furbabies Junie, Midnight, Baby Cakes and numerous others.

Those left to cherish her memories are parents Bob and Oakie (Vance) Blevins, brothers Jim (Lisa) Blevins and Tim (Angel Morales) Blevins. Also living on are stepsons Shaun Donovan Stringfellow and children and Mark (Suzanne) Ferguson. Nieces Misty Dawn Blevins and Shelby (Dan) Sove and children Daniel and Timmy Sove. Bonus-niece Jessie (Waylon) Bryant and

bonus-nephew Jason (Cheryl) Swann and children. To carry on without her are her “best little buddy”, Heidi “Puddin’ Pop” Cole, and her partner in crime, Cousin Joann (Vance) Estep. Also, those left to remember Bobbie are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, coworkers, neighbors, friends, family and the many folks she volunteered with on the Kentuckiana Lost Dog Search and Trapping team and Dogs on the Run 502 team.

Her treasured and cherished Louisville friends who were her chosen family are close and special friends Doris Ferguson, Pam Clasby, Twiala Sanders, Cheri Wells and Mike (Cindy) Egnaw are left behind to carry on why “there are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family”.

Lastly, promising to love, honor, cherish and support her, through life's ups and downs, and to grow old together is her soulmate, Mona Dee Vance.

Twenty years ago, Bobbie was there to support Dee and become her co-survivor through breast cancer. Dee lovingly stepped into that same role when Bobbie’s health began declining and most recently to support her through her Lymphoma journey. Dee and their rescue furbaby, Tildy, will now endure life without their beloved Bobbie.

If you never met Bobbie, you missed an incomparable friendship. If you were lucky enough to know her as many did, you were blessed beyond measure by her compassion, kindness, loyalty, deep and strategic thinking, sense of humor, and above all, an unsurpassed dedication to saving animals at all costs.

Bobbie was a selfless, compassionate and fiercely devoted dog rescuer. In addition to the local dog rescues, she and Dee also volunteered with the Big Dog Big Heart dog rescue from Rochester, NY. They drove many transport legs, traveling to Central Kentucky to Central Ohio, and many places in between, to transport the furbabies rescued from southern kill shelters to their forever homes.

Her calming spirit full of hope and determination would quickly shine some light on your darkest moments of searching for your lost beloved pet. Not sure who cried more reuniting pets with their owners .... Bobbie or the owners. She

was an earthly Angel called home too soon for us to bear. Her tender hugs and glowing personality will be forever missed.

Bobbie's love for her family, especially at favorite gatherings like the Vance Family Reunion, Vance Family Christmas Party, Vance 4-Wheel rides or any other opportunities for her to go back to Bradshaw Mountain, WV or spend time in Pocahontas County WV.

Bobbie was an avid sports fan, participating in many sports herself ranging from flag football, golf, bowling and basketball. While height was not her strong suit, she was always proud she made The University of Ohio's girls basketball team as a freshman. Playing guard allowed her to showcase her unbelievably high vertical jump shots.

She loved the great outdoors, whether she was hunting, fishing, camping, 4-wheeling or just communing with God and Mother Nature. Her true sports passion was hunting and her three idols, her Daddy and Uncle's Virgil Vance and Hestel Vance, who taught her many valuable lessons about life in the woods. She spent many hours hunting with her Uncle Jim, stepson Mark, special friend Pam and soulmate Dee, along with cousins and friends. She especially loved deer hunting season, spending weeks on the hunting land of her cousin Zona and Jim Swann's property.

Also, a talented musician, Bobbie was a gifted singer songwriter, she played the guitar, mandolin, bass, and a little piano. While an inpatient for her four chemotherapy treatments, she met and formed a bonded relationship with her beloved Music Therapist, Kennedy. They were starting to connect with their harmonies and Kennedy had begun to teach Bobbie to play the ukulele!

Those in the Louisville area who wish to say their goodbyes, can do so at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, KY, on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A brief farewell ceremony will start at 6:30 PM. They will transport Bobbie to Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home, Grundy, VA. Shortridge-Ramey will service Bobbie home to Bradshaw Mountain, Paynesville, WV September 7, 2024.

Bobbie's celebration of life will be moderated by Bobbie's daddy, Rev. Bob Blevins. Family and friends who wish to bid their farewells can do so on Saturday evening, beginning at 4 PM at the Bradshaw Mountain Community Church 16950 Marshall Hwy, Paynesville, WV.

A homegoing celebration will begin at 2 PM, Sunday, September 8, 2024, internment with generations of family and friends will follow at the Vance Family Cemetery, Paynesville, WV.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the GoFundMe account to memorialize Bobbie and carry on her incredible work with animals. <https://gofund.me/b84a38e0>

# Cemetery Details

**Vance Family Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Dear Oakie, Bob and family, I feel with you all and send my deepest sympathy and prayers for the Lord's peace and comfort. With much love, Myrtice Owens

Myrtice Owens - September 05, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ I don't recall when I met this wonderful lady but am sure my sister Pam introduced us. I am lucky to have known her. Our connection was deer hunting. We all loved to be out there in the fall before daylight, and quietly waiting. She visited my place in Alaska before the cabin was built. We didn't hunt, but we did sit around the campfire sharing hunting stories, strumming the guitar as well as sipping a few brews down! I will always cherish these memories and Bobbie. Love you Bob!!



Charles Clasby - September 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

RC

“ My condolences to Dee, Bobbie's family and friends over their loss. I know Bobbie was loved by all that knew her.

Roger Cook - September 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

NB

“ Necco Barboursville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobbie Lea Blevins.

Necco Barboursville - September 04, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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“ Necco Barboursville purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobbie Lea Blevins.



Necco Barboursville - September 04, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DT

“ I never got the opportunity to meet Bobbie in person yet I feel like I have known her for a lifetime. I have shared words with her through lost and found sites for dogs & cats. Bobbie was always there, to assist in anyway, she loved animals worried about them dearly . Bobbie made the world a better place, always was doing something kind everyday. She loved life!! Rest easy , we think you gained your angel wings to early but God says it was time he needed you home! Let me guess to run heavens pet facility it's at full capacity God needed someone like Bobbie to care for ALLthe animals that crossed over the rainbow bridge! I'm so blessed she is there look up my **CRISSIE GIRL** take care over her for me.. Thank you giving me a little bit of your time here on earth through FB. Fly High with your wings,you most definitely earned them you will deeply be missed 🌈😊

Dana Thomas - September 04, 2024 at 02:03 AM

VS

“ My beautiful sweet funny, kind, loving, Freibor{Friend-neighbor} Sister, Bobbie. Heaven has truly gained an Angel. You & Dee greeted us our first day of moving in next door, offering to help with anything. Through the years you both have kept your promise. You have loved my kids and grands, my hubby as your brother, and me as your Sister. You have made us laugh, and as the Bible said showed yourself friendly. I think about our times on the porch true friendship and fellowship. My heart hurts very much, but I don't question GOD. We will continue to be there for Dee.(outside , cause Tildy ain't letting us inside. LOL.We love and miss you Sister.

VENDIS SHIPLEY - September 03, 2024 at 11:03 PM

KC

“ I really do not know what to say, I have no words that can make the pain of this go away. I can say that Heaven gained a beautiful soul, the most kind hearted (other than Dee) person I have EVER met. Bobbie and Dee were ALWAYS there for my family. If you know them, you INSTANTLY LOVED THEM as they do in return. Bobbie, you will be missed by so many, I find comfort in knowing that along with family members that have gone before you that you were greeted by a big lick in the face from JUNIE and a “saaaweeet” from Hugh. Thank you for all of your love and unconditional support you were to me and the girls, WE LOVE AND MISS YOU.



Kim Campbell - September 03, 2024 at 09:15 PM

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“Bobbie was my 3rd momma. She was with me when I killed my first deer and when I killed my last deer. We shared and made a lot of great memories together in the last 40 years. I love you, miss you, and will never forget you. Until we meet again Bubba.



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**Mark Ferguson** - September 03, 2024 at 08:33 PM