



Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian

August 16, 1955 - July 20, 2023

Blonnie Suzanne Stilwell Putnam-Ghafarian Obituary

Mint Hill, NC- Blonnie Suzanne Stilwell Putnam-Ghafarian, 67, of Mint Hill NC passed away Thursday July 20th, 2023 peacefully at home surrounded by the love of her family and friends following a battle with cancer.

Blonnie was born on August 16th, 1955 in Charlotte NC to David Stilwell and Bobbie Rozzelle Stilwell. After growing up in Mint Hill she graduated from Independence High School. She went on to work for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools for over 10 years. In 1988 she took a big career leap and started her own business in Road Construction, Carolina Cajun Concrete. She worked hard building a very successful business for 31 years before her retirement in 2019. In her 31 years in the local road construction industry she was considered a trail blazer for women in construction. Her commitment to her business was inspiring to others and proof of her mantra "You can do anything you want to if you want to do it bad enough." Despite the challenges she faced in the construction industry she always managed to persevere and overcome the odds. She was often the only woman in the "room" and she never let that discourage her from taking her seat at the table. Blonnie also mentored other entrepreneurs and helped them build successful businesses of their own.

Blonnie's commitment to her work was second only to her commitment to her

family. She was a devoted mother, stepmother, grandmother as well as an honorary mother to so many. It is not possible to count all the lives that she touched. She was always there for others if anyone needed to talk and sort out life. She also dealt out some tough love to those that needed a reality check.

Blonnie was also deeply committed to her church. She was a longstanding member of St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church in Matthews NC. She served on the vestry of her church as well as numerous committees over the years.

In 2019 Blonnie retired from her work and found a new love. She worked with Greyhound Friends of NC as a volunteer foster parent for retired racing greyhounds. The happiness and joy these dogs and their new families brought her is immeasurable. She fostered so many dogs and helped them find their new families and now jobs as “40 MPH couch potatoes” .

Blonnie is survived by her daughters Gabrielle Ghafarina, Jessica Trigg, and Michelle Montgomery and husband James Montgomery as well as their two children Brian and Megan Montgomery; her mother Bobbie Rozzelle Stilwell; her sister in law Sue Stilwell, and nephew David Stilwell III.

Blonnie was preceded in death by her father David Stilwell Sr; her brother David Lee Stilwell Jr; her niece Leah Stilwell; and her granddaughter Blonnie Madalynn Trigg.

A Requiem Mass will be held for Blonnie at 11:00am on Saturday August 26th, 2023 at St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church at 2211 Margaret Wallace Rd, Matthews NC 28015. A reception will immediately follow.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Michael Anglican Church
2211 Margaret Wallace Road
Matthews, NC 28105
<http://www.stmichaelsanglican.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of
Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - August 25, 2023 at 03:50 PM

EG

It's a beautiful memorial video . She was good hearted woman . I'm truly very sad that she is not amongst us anymore. She will always have part of my life for all the years we were together.

Eby Ghafarian - August 25, 2023 at 05:42 PM

EG

It was a very beautiful memorial for Blonnie , I will always cherish her memories. Thanks to her family . I could not go and hug my mother in law , she was crying and did not want to add to her agony. My condolences from Ghafarian family in USA and all over the world.

Eby Ghafarian - August 26, 2023 at 02:37 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Trigg lit a candle in memory of
Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian*



Jessica Trigg - October 21, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.

August 25, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.



August 25, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Ali B.* planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.

Ali B. - August 25, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.

August 22, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.*



August 22, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.*



August 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Blonnie was an awesome foster Mom to many greyhounds that passed through her home. She was so good at matching the dog to the right owner. I smile when I think of what she said was her first house rule she taught each foster...Get outta my kitchen. As a group we will miss Blonnie's wit and help and as I friend I will miss Blonnie.*

Lynda M - August 12, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *I was married to her from 1991 to 2919. She was a beautiful woman I. Heart, she will always have part of my life and heart..*

Eby Ghafarian - August 01, 2023 at 07:15 PM

EG

“ I am Mohammad Ebrahim Ghafarian, I was married to Blonnie Ghafarian from 1991 to 2919. She was very hard working and very intelligent woman . She will always have part of my heart . And I’m so sad she passed away. I will always cherish memories and 28 years of our lives together.

Eby Ghafarian - August 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JM

“ Jessica M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Blonnie Putnam-Ghafarian.

Jessica M. - August 01, 2023 at 03:58 PM