



## Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons

February 1, 1962 - May 6, 2017

Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons, 55, of Kankakee passed away May 6, 2017 at her home. She was born February 1, 1962 in Kankakee to Ralph and Joan (Gress) Kibbons. Roberta married Wade A. Phillips May 5, 2001 and he died October 2005.

Roberta worked for Cigna and enjoyed providing customer service. She loved to party, dance and hang out with family and friends. She especially loved to listen to old Journey songs.

She is survived by her son; Dylan Kibbons (Maria Lopez) of Bourbonnais, daughter; Tiffany (Shawn Williams) Kibbons of Bradley, 2 grandchildren; Kielin Feller and Brycen Williams and special friends; Jim (Dawn) Davis. Also surviving are 2 sisters; Ann Kibbons (Ed Stepan) of St. Anne, Mary Kibbons of St. Anne, numerous nephews and a special niece Ashley Davis.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

There will be a visitation Monday, May 15, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral will be Monday, May 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Please visit [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com) to sign her online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1900 W. Court St.  
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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ I light a purple candle because Bert loved her favorite purple tshirt and crop pants. I can't stop thinking of her I know i have these feelings of her always around me. So if it's you bert don't stop. I live you 💜



Anne Kibbons - March 11 at 09:05 PM

AK

“ I light this candle for my little sister who is battling so much. It's yellow but my sister Mary has a heart of gold. The three of us girls had wonderful times together. May we all meet up someday when it's our time. Please pray for my little sister Mary.



anne kibbons - December 01, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ I can't believe it's been 8 years since you left us. The weather is getting warmer and that would mean you would be wanting to come out to our place for picnics. I will always treasure those memories. Miss and Love you.

Ed Steppan III - May 06, 2025 at 05:31 PM

AD

“ Happy 63td Birthday!!! Ed & I miss you so much. We love you with all our hearts. We talk about you a lot especially when we eat. Eating was some you loved. I love sis 🥰 See you someday 😊



Anne Davis - January 31, 2025 at 10:06 PM





“ Missing you so much sis 🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹



Mary Kibbons - May 06, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ Bert if you only knew how much I loved and still love you; you would be in tears. I know RyRy misses you and omgracious sis the blast we had when Ryan was jamming and dancing to Stevie Nicks at the apartment 😭. Know you are beyond missed and the day you wanted to talk while in the van I said yes... so know it's been tearing me up for years because of it. RyRy and I love you and miss you!!! Keep jammin up there for us here!! Love ur baby sis!!



Mary Kibbons - May 05, 2024 at 03:06 AM



“ Really missing you sis! We had such a rough ride at the end but know I always loved you and never minded taking care of you when you needed me !!!



Mary Kibbons - February 15, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Missing our party times together. Our gatherings just aren't the same without you. Miss you.

Ed Steppan - January 31, 2024 at 02:05 PM

AD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Anne Davis - January 31, 2024 at 01:56 PM

AD

“ Another birthday is almost ready to go by. How I miss you so much. There is a big hole in my heart that can't be filled. But the memories & fun we had is always with you. Happy 62 Birthday. I'll see you one day hang on. I love you more than words can say. 02/01/62



Anne Davis - January 31, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Love and miss you so much sis!!! RyRy and I love you!!!



Mary Kibbons - October 19, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Missing you so much sis!!! Tomorrow you've been gone 6 years and it seems like forever.



Mary Kibbons - May 05, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Happy 61st Birthday 🎂  
*I have so many memories of us together that I could write a book. we had so many good times and a few bad I love u with my heart i think of you daily and I keep your ashes always with me. Thank you for being a the greatest big sister See you someday 🥺*



Anne Davis - February 02, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ Christmas is almost here the cookies are made and you left me all alone. I miss and love you and wish we could be together someday. 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺



Anne Kibbons - December 22, 2022 at 02:28 PM



*I love you Bert 🥺*

Anne Kibbons - December 22, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ Missing you so much sis!!! Wish you were here so I could give you a hug and we'd all be ok!!! RyRy and I miss you. Was watching the video of him dancing at your apartment years ago to Stevie Nicks and it brought back so many memories!!! Love you so much my oldest sis!!!  
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Mary Kibbons - May 05, 2022 at 11:31 PM



“ Happy Heavenly 60th Birthday Sis!!! We love you and miss you dearly!!! 🙏❤️😭😘✝️🕊️

Love your baby sis and your nephew RyRy❤️❤️❤️



Mary Kibbons - February 01, 2022 at 03:35 AM



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Mary Kibbons - January 31, 2025 at 06:58 PM

Anne Summers

“ Tomorrow would be your 60th birthday. How I miss you everyday & love you more than words can say.  
I have so many memories of you  
She was a beautiful sister inside & out.  
I can't feel you anymore since we moved. It breaks my heart.  
Idk when I will see you again but please watch over us. And never forget how much I love you.  
Happy 60th Bert 🥰❤️😭😄



Anne Summers - January 31, 2022 at 03:58 PM

Anne Summer

Lol my alias it went under lol. Hope you enjoyed the laugh Bert

Anne Summers - January 31, 2022 at 04:13 PM

AK

“ You left me alone and I have no one to talk to.  
You said never leave you but your heart was tired. Your mind was gone. I was the only one that could finish your sentences. The one that truly cared. Where are you now when I have needed you. That's my memory



Anne Kibbons - July 17, 2021 at 06:58 PM

AD

“ On your 4 th year I find I’m missing you most. I need you so badly to talk to. But you may hear me but I’ll never hear you. One day will see each other again. Until then hold me up and give me the strength to fight through life. I love you with all my heart 💜 MyMemories of her are stronger now as the weather gets nicer. Picnic & get togethers we’re your favorite. Eating was your favorite thing to do. Ed & I miss you come by our butterfly. We love you 😘



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**Anne Kibbons Davis** - May 05, 2021 at 10:39 PM

AK

“ Ed & I are starting a new life in a new home. When you left us a butterfly appeared on the deck. It stayed with us all summer. Last year it even would let Ed hold it. I know in my heart it was you. Please come to our new home. Your presence was in our old home. I miss and need you so much right now. I hope you can hear me. I love you with all my heart ❤️ 😘



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**Anne Kibbons** - February 19, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Missing you and thinking about you sis!!! Love you!!!! 😊😊😊❤️❤️❤️❤️



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**Mary Kibbons** - February 11, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ Bert RyRy and I are really missing you! We watched the crazy video a few weeks ago of him dancing to Stevie Nicks over at the apartment at Bernie's!!! I still laugh to this day watching it!!! Love you so much sis!!! Give Mom, Dad, and all our relatives a hug for me and RyRy!!! ❤️❤️❤️  
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**Mary Kibbons** - October 08, 2020 at 10:34 PM

AD

*That's sweet she loves you both* ❤️❤️

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**Anne Davis** - October 12, 2020 at 07:33 PM

AD

“ I light a purple candle because of your birth stone and your purple capris and shirt you would always wear.  
All of us miss you so much it still breaks my heart your gone.  
I wonder how you would be handling the crisis that is going on. I think as long as you had food and your tv you would be content. I love you and miss you 💜



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**Anne Kibbons Davis** - March 20, 2020 at 03:12 PM

AK

“ It’s been almost 3 yrs. & we had a small picnic with Ry. We all miss you so much. Food Family & Friends were important to you and your name comes up so often. Your grandkids are growing so fast I’m glad you see them everyday. Protect Bry as he is a wild one. And watch over all of us who love and miss you so. My life is quiet without you. Your kids and I & Ed are getting closer like you would have wanted. I love you Bert and miss you more than you can imagine.

anne kibbons - March 09, 2020 at 12:57 PM

Anne Kibbons

“ Bert today we had all your kids here with me. Thank you so much for giving me such wonderful kids and grandkids. We miss you and love you so much. Kiss mom and dad for me. Xo



Anne Kibbons - November 28, 2019 at 06:40 PM

Anne Kibbons

My nephews and nieces

Anne Kibbons - November 28, 2019 at 06:41 PM

EI

“ We miss you coming over for picnics and family gatherings. It’s not the same without you.

Ed Stepan III - October 25, 2019 at 04:05 PM

AK

That is the sweetest thing to say. She loved you so much

Anne Kibbons - November 05, 2019 at 09:48 AM

AK

“ *My world is so quiet without you. Ed and I love and miss you. Your children are still mourning but that's to be expected. You would be so happy and proud of the kids. Thank you for being with me for 52 years. We had great times. I'll see ya someday.*



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**anne kibbons** - July 12, 2019 at 04:04 PM

AK

“ *My loving sister you told me to never leave you. But you have left me. It's hard on beautiful days not to think of you as you loved sitting outside on the deck and enjoy having picnics. We had so much we wanted to do but you left me to soon. I know in my heart you didn't suffer and God took you 5/7/17. I'll be there one day. Until then watch over all of us. I love you with all my heart and miss you terribly. Love you Bert always and forever.* 💜



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**Anne Kibbons** - May 05, 2019 at 09:55 PM

AK

“ *Anne Kibbons lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



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**Anne Kibbons** - May 05, 2019 at 09:50 PM

Anne  
Kibbons

“ *Tomorrow is your Birthday you would be 57. How much I miss you and hearing your voice. Having you in my life made me a happy person. Now that your gone I have to continue moving forward like you would want me to. I still cry because I miss you but I know your so much happier now. I love you Bert with all my heart*



Anne Kibbons - January 31, 2019 at 04:13 PM

AK

“ *This is a candle for our dad (Ralph Kibbons). It will be 6 years he has been gone. Soon Bert it will be a year and a half for you. I miss Mom Dad and you Bert. Give them a kiss.*



Anne Kibbons - November 01, 2018 at 01:14 PM

AK

“ *Happy Easter Bert !!! Your family misses you so much. Your favorite thing on holidays was your enjoyment of food and having your family all around you. We love you with all our heart* 💜

Anne Kibbons - April 01, 2018 at 12:26 PM

AK

“ I have been grieving a lot lately. I miss her dearly it's hard on me I think I was the closest person to her. Her and I shared a lot of fighting as kids. We also shared fun and happy times enjoying friends and having parties. Our mom saved our butts when her and I were out late. She was always into no good running with her friends. She enjoyed life to the fullest and I will always remember the great times we shared. Thank you sis for being a large part of my life. I love you and I will see you again



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Anne Kibbons - October 19, 2017 at 12:32 AM

AK

“ My sister has been gone for for 4 months. I still can't believe she is gone. It's been a lonely summer. We had so many plans . Bert got other her knees replaced so she could finally go swimming and enjoy many cookouts. Bert loved food she would describe it in details. Before she passed away food didn't appeal to her. I should have known something was wrong. She came to me with all the things that made her happy. Like her grandsons how much she loved and enjoyed watching them grow. If she is a spirit I'm sure she is with her kids. I want my sister to always watch over her family. I miss you so much but you aren't unhappy and scared anymore. Love ya Bert xo



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Anne Kibbons - September 07, 2017 at 12:36 AM

AK

“ Bert was my big sister I'm sure when mom brought me home from the hospital you wanted to hold me and take care of me. I'm sure you taught me a lot. We had a lot of fun in our 20s and 30s They say time will heal my heart but it can't because your o longer here. I love you sis Thank you for loving me for 52 years. Rip .bert I miss you



Anne Kibbons - September 02, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ I miss you Bert...Ry Ry asked God yesterday to please bring you back! He and I miss you!  
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Mary Kibbons - July 05, 2017 at 04:03 PM

AD

“ Just thinking of you as I do every day. I miss talking to you ..I love my sister with all my heart. Rip I'll see you again



Anne Kibbons Davis - June 12, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ Repost but pic is sideways. Ry Ry loves you always!!!



Mary Kibbons - June 05, 2017 at 02:14 PM

AK

*She loved Ryan like he was her kid*

**Anne Kibbons** - September 07, 2017 at 12:39 AM



*My beautiful inside and out sister RyRy loved you so much and always will !!!*

**Mary Kibbons** - January 31, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ *Ryan Kibbons and his Aunt Bert a few years ago 2014-2016 (can't remember)*

**Mary Kibbons** - June 05, 2017 at 02:11 PM



*Picture didn't attach 😞*

**Mary Kibbons** - June 05, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *Tomorrow will be a month since we found out you went to be with mom, dad, Wade, and so many other loved ones. Ry Ry and I miss you so much!*



**Mary Kibbons** - June 05, 2017 at 02:09 PM

AD

“ I am lighting a candle for my boyfriend Ed Steppan. He will always live with this memory.of Bert. She would always make up excuses for him to stop at the store. She just wanted someone to come and see her. I have no clue what they talked about. But he cared so very much for my sister. He doesn't show his feelings often but I know he is hurting.



Anne Kibbons Daivs - June 01, 2017 at 03:29 PM

MR

“ Roberta and I went to high school together..She was the most sweetest person I ever met. I am so sorry for your loss..RIP



Mike Rose - May 31, 2017 at 12:25 AM

MR

Thank you Mike

Mike Rose - May 31, 2017 at 05:59 PM

AD

“ Anne Kibbons Davis lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons



Anne Kibbons Davis - May 29, 2017 at 01:18 PM

AD

“ Anne Kibbons Davis lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons



Anne Kibbons Davis - May 25, 2017 at 06:07 PM

AD

Last time I spoke with you was 3 weeks you sounded fine. I miss you so very much.

Anne Kibbons Davis - May 25, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ Missing you so much Bert! I truly am hurting more than anyone knows! Soar high sis and know I truly did love you!!!



Mary Kibbons - May 18, 2017 at 01:50 AM

CH

“ Thank you for you friendship Roberta. Ill never forget you and the great times we had. Fly high and fly free my friend. Til we meet again. Love you.....



Chris Huffman - May 14, 2017 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ I remember pushing Berta in her stroller in front of Grandma Kibbons house. We loved visiting with your Mom and Dad during our trips to Kankakee. So sorry for you loss Anne and Mary.  
Love,  
Cousin Christie Carel Schall

Christie Schall - May 13, 2017 at 08:03 PM



Such memories!!! I remember the last time you were all there to visit and we were all sitting at the table for dinner it might have been a holiday years ago...way way back...thank you Christie !!! Love you!

Mary Kibbons - May 14, 2017 at 08:23 AM

AD

Thank you Christie your Uncle Ralph and Aunt Joan and even Bert would tell us about you and Kathy pushing her in the stroller. I know we are far away from you but our memories we still have. Thank you and take care of your dad we loved him very much.

Anne Kibbons Davis - May 14, 2017 at 10:48 AM

AD

“ I miss you so much  
.I can't believe I will never speak or see you again.  
Please watch over your family. You are free from pain and sorrow.



Anne Kibbons Davis - May 13, 2017 at 06:51 PM

AD

“ Anne Kibbons Davis lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons



Anne Kibbons Davis - May 13, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ Missing you so much tonight sis! I know you are in heaven, and I hope you know how much I truly did/do love you!!!



Mary Kibbons - May 12, 2017 at 11:54 PM

MA

“ I was 12 when Berta Jo was born, and have fond memories of helping my first cousin Joan take care of her when we visited Kankakee from Springfield. My deepest condolences to her family.  
Marcia Andre (New Mexico)



Marcia Andre - May 12, 2017 at 04:04 PM

AD

*She sure was chubby and she had such big eyes in this pic. I will think of her every day. She was a happy person and loved life to its fullest. The last couple years she had dealt with a lot. I was so happy and proud of her getting both her knees replaced .She was so excited to leave the nursing home. She passed away hopefully peacefully between Thursday night and sometime early Friday,,Thank you for thinking of my sister..*

**Anne Davis** - May 12, 2017 at 05:46 PM



*Thank you so much cousin Marcia for sharing this and for remembering times way back then with our mom and Bert! Love you, Mary Kibbons*

**Mary Kibbons** - May 12, 2017 at 11:50 PM

ML

“ *Marcia. Langellier lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



**Marcia. Langellier** - May 11, 2017 at 06:30 PM

ML

*May the Lord be with you Bert*

**Marcia. Langellier** - May 11, 2017 at 06:30 PM

PL

“ *Bert was like a sister to me her family gave such great memories I will treasure forever love u Bert from entetnity and beyond*



**penny lonf** - May 10, 2017 at 09:10 PM

AD

*Thank you, Penny we were very fond of you and of Josh. I know you two were great friends. She spoke of all her good friends.*

**Anne Davis** - May 12, 2017 at 05:49 PM

TK

*“ I think my fondest memory of my Mother was the fact that she always smelled so good! I love the way she loved taking care of her self! She always had makeup/hair done to perfection! I get that from her, my mother jus thought I was sooo beautiful when i got all dolled up!! Especially since she started going down hill!! She also taught me how to cook like her! I guess I have so many memories but I appreciate those things she passed on to me. Love ya mom❤️❤️❤️❤️ RestEazy🥰🥹*

**Tiffany Kibbons** - May 10, 2017 at 07:23 PM

AD

*You learned a lot from your mom the talent of cooking. And she loved seeing you all dressed up. I heard it every time you got all dressed up. One thing we both loved about you is how you never aged. How your skin was perfect. She loved you and her grandchildren. You were blessed to have her for so many years.*

**Anne Davis** - May 12, 2017 at 05:53 PM



*“ Roberta phillips-kibbons my aunt bert was a wonderful person and a caring mother and aunt she was always there for me whenever I needed her or her help she would always message me here and there just to say i love you my fondest memory about her is the times she would always make her tea in the pitcher and put it in the fridge i loved drinking her tea and anytime she made italian beef i really miss her and i will never forget her for aslong as i live i miss you aunt bert and will forever love you.*

**Chris Hpper** - May 10, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Chris Hpper lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



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**Chris Hpper** - May 10, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Mary Kibbons lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



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**Mary Kibbons** - May 10, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Bert would be when she would come to our house to visit. After she would have been sitting for a while, she would need some help getting up out of the chair, so we would count one.....two.....three..... and I would help pull her up. Bert was like the sister I never had. I will miss her cheerful demeanor.*

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**Ed Steppan** - May 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM



*She thought a lot of you Ed and I thank you for being there as much as you were. I know she loved you so very much.*

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**Anne Davis** - May 12, 2017 at 05:59 PM

AD

“ MY MEMORY OF MY SISTER IS HOW MUCH SHE WOULD LOVE TO SIT AND TELL YOU ABOUT HOW MUCH SHE LOVED FOOD. iFI MENTIONED GOING OUT TO EAT EACH PLACE SHE WOULD TELL ME ON THE PHONE OH THAT SOUNDS SO GOOD AND SHE WOULD TALK ON AND ON ABOUT HOW MUCH SHE LIKED FOOD. I WAS PLANNING A FAMILY GET TOGETHER NEXT SUMMER WHEN WE ALL CAN GET TOGETHER AND THE FIRST WORDS CAME OUT OF HER MOUTH WAS HOW SHE WANTED TO MAKE THIS FRUIT SALAD. FOOD GAVE BERT ALOT OF HAPPINESS. I KNOW IF WE HAVE OUR GET TOGETHER I WILL REMEMBER HER TALKING ABOUT THE FOODS SHE LOVED...SHE WAS ONE OF A KIND..SHE WAS LOVED BY EVERYONE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE AND WATCH OVER HER FAMILY & HER FRIENDS. I LOVE YOU BERT THANKS FOR BEING MY BIG SISTER. XO XO

ANNE KIBBONS DAVIS - May 09, 2017 at 10:44 PM

BE

“ so sorry to hear such bad news

Becky(Brave)Elumbaugh - May 09, 2017 at 09:22 PM

RP

“ Roxanne Davis Pierce lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons



Roxanne Davis Pierce - May 09, 2017 at 04:00 PM

AD

Thank you for thinking of Bert

Anne Davis - May 12, 2017 at 06:02 PM



“ *Polly Davis lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



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**Polly Davis** - May 09, 2017 at 02:32 PM

AD

*Thank you for thinking of Bert.*

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**Anne Davis** - May 12, 2017 at 06:03 PM

AK

“ *Ann Kibbons lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jo Phillips-Kibbons*



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**Ann Kibbons** - May 09, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *Gone To Soon...*

*We don't know why you left us so soon,  
Maybe you wanted to be with mom, dad and your husband too.*

*Not being able to say I love you and good bye,  
Will forever hurt deep inside and make us cry.*

*I know that you are no longer suffering and are at peace,  
But we sit here and wonder when the pain inside will cease.*

*We may have had our ups and downs like all sisters do,  
But always remember there will never be a day we will stop loving  
you.*

*Rest in peace our dear sister Roberta Jo Kibbons-Phillips!  
Forever in our mind and always in our heart!*

*February 1, 1962 - May 6, 2017*

*Written By: Mary B. Kibbons*

*© May 7, 2017*

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**Mary Kibbons** - May 09, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ Bert (Roberta) my oldest sister you are truly missed and will always be loved. Through good times and bad times; I'll never forget when you worked at General Foods and took me with you and some of the girls to my first concert when I was 12- 13 years old to see Alabama down in Champaign. Tiffany, Dylan, Ki,. Brycen, and Shawn know that I love you and thinking of you always!

Love you and miss you Bert!!! Your baby sister Mary and your nephew RyRy! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

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Mary Kibbons - May 09, 2017 at 01:49 PM



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Mary Kibbons - May 09, 2017 at 01:43 PM



Our last picture together as a family and happy. ❤️❤️❤️

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Mary Kibbons - January 31, 2025 at 06:55 PM