



Bonnie Mark

March 13, 1947 - April 11, 2026

Bonnie Mark (née Biittner), 79, of Manteno, Illinois, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2026. Born on March 13, 1947, in Chicago, Bonnie was the beloved daughter of Walter and Alfhild (née Erickson) Biittner.

Bonnie married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Eugene “Gene” Mark, on September 10, 1966, in Homewood, Illinois. Together, they built a beautiful life, sharing nearly 60 years of marriage and countless memories—many of them spent side by side on the water, fishing. Bonnie took great pride in her catches, but even more in the time spent with her best friend, Gene.

Bonnie was a dedicated employee of the LeSage family at EJ Equipment, where her kindness, reliability, and dedication left a lasting impression. Her colleagues, who were like family, appreciated her steady presence and the genuine care she brought to those around her.

A longtime resident of Manteno, since 1974, Bonnie was a devoted member of Community Presbyterian Church, where she served communion monthly and was a cherished part of the community. She was a gentle, kind soul with a practical mind and a fun and lighthearted sense of humor that could turn simple moments into lots of laughter.

She had a way of making others feel immediately welcome—greeting you with warmth, asking about your life, and turning every conversation toward others rather than herself. She never forgot a birthday and always sent a card, a small but meaningful reflection of her thoughtfulness.

She enjoyed cooking for others and was especially known for her rainbow Jell-O dessert, a simple treat that became a favorite among family and friends.

Bonnie grew up in a family that loved music. She played the piano, her brother played the flute and saxophone, her mother played piano and her father played the violin. She sang in her high school choir and served as an accompanist. Bonnie enjoyed playing duets with her brother—even if they didn't always keep perfect time.

She held a deep love for Wisconsin, especially Chetek, where she spent many happy days fishing and enjoying the peaceful surroundings. Those trips, like so much of her life, were simple, meaningful, and full of quiet happiness. Though she was happiest close to home, she also had a special place in her heart for Walt Disney World, where she appreciated the magic and Disney princesses, reflecting her appreciation for life's simple joys.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved daughter, Victoria Lynn; and her loving cats, Freddie, Snookie, Dusty, Frieda, and Tommy Boy. Bonnie is survived by her loving husband, Gene; her brother Dennis; sisters-in-laws: Janis Cadieux, Joan Gettings, Julie Brulloths; and many nieces and nephews: Jeremy (Kala) Biittner and their son Jackson; Rachel (Tony) Langenohl and their children Maggie and Keegan; Mark Kuroski; Cher (Jeff) Arseneau and her children Steven and Caitlyn Bell; Paul (Lecia) Cadieux; Jennifer Gettings; Mark (Diane) Gettings; Stephanie (Casey) Jackl and their children Isaac and Marcus; Jacob (Ada) Brulloths and their children Jada, Bonnie, Luna, and Jacob II; and Valerie Brulloths. She also leaves behind

extended family and friends who will miss her deeply.

Bonnie was someone you could always count on—steady, kind, and present. A rule follower, you would never catch her exceeding the speed limit. She lit up any room she was in, carried a gentle spirit, and left people feeling cared for simply by being herself. She was a perfect reflection of her mother and shared the same sweetness and kindness throughout her life.

She was the kind of person you were grateful to have known. Her loss is deeply felt, and she will be missed beyond words.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421-9309
(815) 423-9958

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Brown Funeral Home
21 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
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Funeral Service

APR **21**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonnie Mark.*



April 19 at 11:50 AM



“ *While I only met and spent an evening with Bonnie & her husband Gene, I know she was a great woman, and the love of each others lives. Gene was my great friend from Vietnam, I went to see them in Homewood and I took a bottle of Cold Duck as Gene told me it was her favorite.., at that time. The bottle got shaken on my trip, it blew the cork upon opening and her freshly painted kitchen ceiling was red and I was in her dog house.., but just for a few minutes. I wish I could have gotten to know her better. Take solice that you had each other for almost 60 years and stay strong for her and the family Gene, you knkow I'm here if you need me. Rest in heavenly peace Bonnie...*

Richard "Tiny" Worrall - April 17 at 06:26 PM



“ *From Your Sisters in Christ CRHP purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Mark.*



From Your Sisters in Christ CRHP - April 17 at 08:34 AM

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“ We go back many years. We are going to miss Bonnie so much. She was the best! Her kindness and smile will always be remembered. Our Prayers go out to my big brother Gene for we know his heart is broken. Love you Jim and Joyce

Jim and Joyce Lee - April 17 at 12:27 AM

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“ We've known and been friends with Bonnie and Gene for many many years. Her post says exactly who Bonnie was. A loving, caring and kind person. We hated hearing such terrible news of her passing. God just got another Angel. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Gary Hoskins - April 16 at 10:02 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bonnie Mark.



April 16 at 03:41 PM

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“ Bonnie and Gene both have been a shining example of what love and a lasting marriage should be. Both have always been nothing but kind, and always had a warm smile and warm greeting. Bonnie will be sadly missed. Seeing Gene with a shattered heart will be just as difficult for our community.



tohen66@yahoo.com - April 16 at 01:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Mark.*



April 16 at 12:58 PM



“ *From Tim And Julie Stewart purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bonnie Mark.*



From Tim And Julie Stewart - April 16 at 09:27 AM