



Bonita M. Chinski

March 23, 1937 - July 14, 2020

Bonita M. Chinski, 83, of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet. She was born on March 23, 1937 in Kankakee, the daughter of Edward and Lucille (Faulkner) Goetzler. She married Lester L. Chinski on October 27, 1956 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on September 1, 2013.

Bonita was a graduate of Kankakee Community College and St. Joseph Seminary. She was a retired LPN from St. Mary's Hospital. Bonita was a member of the Third Order of Carmelites of Darien, IL. She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Church where she was also a lector. She enjoyed playing Scrabble and spending time with her family.

Bonita is survived by four sons, David and Rhonda Chinski, of Danforth, Jeffrey Chinski and Williams Briggs, of Kankakee, Lester "Butch" and Vicki Chinski, of Ft. Collins, CO, and Charles and Beth Chinski, of Bourbonnais; three daughters, Susan and Michael Marcotte, of Owosso, MI, Cheryl Ann Chinski, of Kankakee, and Lucy and Sam Schwartz, of Bradley; twenty grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Lou and Sam Love, of Manteno and Angela George, of Bourbonnais; and one brother, James and Marilyn Goetzler, of Bradley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one granddaughter,

Balei Chinski; one brother, Thomas Goetzler; and one sister, Nancy Turro.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 PM until the time of the 4:00 PM memorial service on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will officiate the memorial service. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended. Inurnment will take place at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to masses.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

TG

“ Some of my happiest moments as a child was over at the Chinski house. Whether it was the 4th of July, Christmas Eve, or any other day of the year, Aunt Bonnie always welcomed you into her home. I still think back to the happy memories that Uncle Lester and Aunt Bonnie made possible. My absolute favorite memory of her (many family members have heard this story) is when she clobbered my Dad with her purse while sticking up for me! Oh how she enjoyed recounting that story over the years! Bonnie was a strong, passionate and confident woman who blazed her own trail! My thoughts and prayers are with David, Susan, Cheryl, Butch, Jeff, Charlie, Lucy and their families during this difficult time. I love you and will miss you, Aunt Bonnie! Until we meet again in our Lord's Heavenly Kingdom! Give Grandma a big hug for me! God bless!

Tim George - July 20, 2020 at 12:50 AM

TL

“ She was a wonderful human being. So compassionate and caring. One of the best examples of strong womanhood you could ask for. She was such an inspiration to me as a young woman. She empowered me with her opinions and advice back in the day as an impressionable neighbor girl. She had a strong voice and I listened to it. I have always been grateful to her for her example and standard she set. Wonderful mother also, so many strengths, talents and wisdom. Love always to the family. Rest in peace Dear Bonita.

Toni Lebeck - July 17, 2020 at 09:04 AM

LS

“ Dear Cheryl, Lucy and all Bonnie's children.
Your mother was a good friend and I will miss her.
My prayers and deep sympathy for you at this time.
Sister Lois Nixon

Lois Nixon SSCM - July 16, 2020 at 09:06 PM

SK

“ Bonnie's service as nurse in the SSCM infirmary will always be remembered and appreciated. Sr. Carol Karnitsky, Province Leader SSCM

Sr. Carol Karnitsky - July 16, 2020 at 02:13 PM

ZA

May the family find comfort & peace during this loss of your loved one, Hold on to God's unchanging hand for strength!

Zanetta Anderson - July 16, 2020 at 05:27 PM

MH

“ My mom LOVED your mom! I remember lots of times at Bonnie's house, sitting around the kitchen table or playing with Sue. Bonnie always welcomed people into her home and her heart. She was always there to help when my mom was going through tough times. And, oh my gosh, the laughter! There was always something funny in everything that happened, it seemed. Bonnie, thank you for your friendship and support of my family. I hope you and Mom are laughing your butts off!

Michelle (LaRocque) Hamlyn

Michelle Hamlyn - July 16, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CM

“ I have lot of memories of Bonnie and the Chinski family. I will miss your mom. She was so strong and so honest, (even if you didn't want to hear it). I love that about her. Her house was always open to whoever wanted to land there. Over the years, she took care of your family, but she also took care of so many more including the Klonowskis, Father D., Eva, Dana, just to name a few. I remember your kitchen always had someone chatting around the table. Every day it was someone different. Bonnie had a good life and was so proud of your family. I know she is with your dad looking down at what they made together. I wish I could be there in person to give each one of you a hug. Sending all my love, Carrie

Carrie Maday - July 16, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AM

“ To Bonnie's family. Thoughts and prayers are with you. The loss of someone dear is never easy. I know the cherished memories you have of Bonnie are bringing you peace during this difficult time.

Armeline McCawley - July 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM