



## Joanne Schnell

July 22, 1936 - May 25, 2024

Joanne Schnell, age 87, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, May 24, 2024 at her home. She was born July 22, 1936 in Pisgah, IA, the daughter of Raymond & Doris (Laidler) Kline. Joanne married Lorne Schnell on September 25, 1960 in Turin, IA. He preceded her in death on October 12, 2000.

Joanne was an educator at Northeastern Clinton Central School, Kankakee Area Career Center, and Olivet Nazarene University. She was a Master Gardener. Joanne was a member of the Minerva Club of Kankakee County, Delta Kappa Gamma of Kankakee County, Iowa State & Suny Plattsburgh State Alumni Association, and The Friends of Bourbonnais Library Board and Wednesday Book Club. Additionally she was a Kankakee Valley Adult Literacy Tutor as well as the Alive Coordinator at Kankakee Community College.

Joanne was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Surviving are two sons, David (Gina) Schnell of Coronado, CA and Michael Schnell of Warner Springs, CA; two daughters, Jennifer Dearborn of Manchester, NH and Julia Boicken of Bradley; five grandchildren, Jake Dearborn, Emma Boicken, Eric Schnell, Evan Schnell, and Gunner Boicken; and her caregivers, Rebecca Osborne and Kristine Blum. In addition to her husband, Lorne Schnell, Joanne is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Allan Kline; and one daughter-in-law, Lisa Schnell.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. memorial service on Saturday, June

22, 2024 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-4408  
<https://www.kasbury.org/>

## Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-4408  
<https://www.kasbury.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ When we moved to Bourbonnais in 1985, Joanne and Lorne quickly welcomed us to the neighborhood. They were an incredible couple and we were blessed to know them. So very proud of their family, they always let us know if their accomplishments. We thank God for putting them in our lives and for them continuing to stay in touch after we moved.

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**Jean and Ron McCraney** - February 12, 2025 at 05:37 PM

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“ Joanne was my friend for many years. We enjoyed studying together in Minerva, and serving together on the Friends of the Bourbonnais Library Board, Many lunches included conversations about why poppies would grow in my garden, and not in hers - even when she took a start from mine!  
She and Loren brighten our lives.  
Harriet (and Harlow) Hopkins

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**Harriet Hopkins** - June 25, 2024 at 03:30 PM

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“ I have great memories of Joanne picking up Gunner from preschool. Her smile going from ear to ear as he ran into her arms to tell her about his day. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time!

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**Amanda Travis** - June 11, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ I have great memories of going to Turin in the summer when you all would come visit and our mom's would get us all together. Joanne and Mom always new when to write or call each other to get caught up on all of us. We had fun on one of mom's birthday's and you mom flew in to help us with her surprise. And then the last trip was to the Amana Colonies and a trip to remember was made. The look on both of their faces was priceless. Your mom had such a big smile and even bigger heart, she will be truly missed. Hugs to all of you. Carolyn Whiteman



Carolyn Whiteman-Gibbs - June 01, 2024 at 07:07 AM



“ Joanne was such a remarkable, intelligent, & kind Lady!! 🥰 🌟  
 Bob & I were sooo lucky to get to know her & spend time with her in Remodeling projects, Gardening, & Repair projects!! Loved her “Smile & Giggles” and Great Love she had for her Family!! ❤️ She touched sooo many sharing her Warmth, Intelligence, & Kindness!!!  
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 Our Prayers to Julie, Gunner & family!  
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Bob & Joyce(Mayes) Jackson - May 31, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ Julia and Gunner my thoughts are with you. Sorry for your loss.

Jackie Bruhn - May 30, 2024 at 08:20 PM