



## Michael R. Bonnell

August 23, 1944 - October 28, 2021

Michael R. Bonnell was called home on Thursday, October 28, 2021 and is finally at peace in Heaven.

Michael was born August 23, 1944 in Metropolis, the son of Cecil & Louise (Douglas) Bonnell.

Michael was a 1962 graduate of Kankakee High School. He also graduated from Illinois State University with a B.S. in Social Sciences.

Michael was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Vietnam Era.

Michael married Janice Barlow on July 10, 1999 at San Damiano.

He began his career with the State of Illinois as a Social Worker, retiring in 2005.

Michael enjoyed attending the Indianapolis 500 for 50 years, loved his 1963 Corvette that he owned for 56 years, and spending time in Southern Illinois and Tennessee. Most of all, Michael loved spending time with his family. He will be remembered for his kind and caring spirit.

Surviving are his wife, Janice Bonnell of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Melinda & Salvador Bernal of Belleville; one son, Robert Humphrey Jr. of South Elgin; one sister and brother-in-law, Cyndi Bonnell & Steve Brackman of Tucson, AZ; and four grandchildren, Lucas Bernal, Isaiah Bernal, Alexis Bernal, and Tyler (Brittany) Humphrey. Michael is preceded in death by his parents; maternal grandparents, Eula & Jess Douglas; and paternal grandparents, Emma & Dan Bonnell of Golconda.

Michael fought a courageous battle and is finally at peace. May he fly with the angels.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held in Southern Illinois at a later date.

Memorials may be made for his grandchildren's education.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Janice and family. So sorry for your loss. Mike always had smile. We all had many fun times together for a long time. Lets try and keep in touch. Take care.*  
*Sincerely Kathy Berger*

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**Kathy Berger** - November 09, 2021 at 07:56 AM

MM

“ *Janice, we send our sincerest condolences and prayers; we are so sorry.*



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**Michael & Rita Morris** - November 08, 2021 at 01:16 PM

PP

“ *Janice, so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Pat Persin** - November 06, 2021 at 03:45 PM

RA

“ *Janice, sending condolences, hugs, and prayers at this time. Roseanna Autman*



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**Roseanna Autman** - November 04, 2021 at 07:10 AM

JE

“ *Janice & Mike's family, I'm very sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

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**Julie Enright** - November 04, 2021 at 06:45 AM

MZ

“ *Janice and Family,  
Deepest sympathy, I'm am sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with Mike on unit 8 at Shapiro. He did is job well, and was always cracking jokes, and keeping it real. Rest now my friend ,Mike.*

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**Madonna ( Mazzuchi) Zasada** - October 31, 2021 at 07:50 PM