



## Bonita "Bon" Flinn

November 28, 1937 - December 17, 2021

Bonita "Bon" Flinn, age 84, went home to be with her Lord on December 17, 2021.

She was born November 28, 1937 in Peoria, Illinois to Stanley Walter Thompson and Margaret Louise Danz Thompson who preceded her in death. Bon graduated from East Peoria Community High School in 1955. She met the love of her life, Scott Edward Flinn on a visit with his parents when she was two and he was four years old. They next met when Bon was a High School Junior and Scott was a College Freshman at Western Illinois University where he was enjoying a full academic scholarship in Math and Physics. After their graduations, she from Wheaton College of Nursing, they were married November 23, 1958 at Grace Presbyterian Church by Dr. Bruce Dunn. They celebrated 63 joyful years of marriage.

Bonita was a Registered Pediatric Nurse and Scott a Public School Superintendent for many years. They lived most of their family years in the Northwest Suburbs of Park Ridge and DesPlaines; later Wilmington, Illinois. Upon retirement, they moved to Oak Run, a lake community, built a home in Liberty Village, Peoria, and relocated to Independent Living in Kankakee. Bonita leaves behind her beloved husband, Scott; their wonderful daughter, Staci Renee' Flinn (George) Roesel of Wilmington, and a loving son, Barrett Anthony (Jamie) Flinn of North Carolina. Bon took great pleasure and delight being "Gaga" to her truly precious granddaughters: Jessoni Austin, Jenna Farcus, twins: Brianna Doyle and Kaitlin Gonzales, and Morgan Grossnickel,

and Maddie Flinn, as well as great grandma to darling Nora Austin, Archer Austin and Everett Farcus.

Bonita was an active Christ-loving leader of numerous church and neighborhood organizations and Bible studies for over 40 years, helping to establish some of the first Navigator Ladies Bible Studies in the Northwest suburbs. She loved mentoring and counseling hurting hearts to the end; also led seminars and spoke at Christian Conferences. In 2012 she authored and published the book *Is Life Really a School for Heaven*. She had a passion for the Word of God and loved to proclaim the Power of Jesus Christ. She is finally home.

Bonita was a PEO Officer in Chapter GK; past President of The Wilmington Garden Club; Chairman of the Oak Run Community Relations Committee and Oak Run's newspaper *The Communicator*. She was on various church councils and choirs, often a soloist, and taught Children's Sunday School. Bonita dearly loved her precious family and friends, adored the Christmas season, and loved to travel, as well as attend many Gospel seminars and concerts. Bonita held fast to the blessed hope of the Bible, which tells God's believing children in Christ that "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord".

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Gary Deiters Funeral Home, 444 E. Washington St. in East Peoria, Illinois on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of funeral service 1:45 p.m. Dr. Ritch Boerke from Bethany Baptist Church will officiate. A private family burial and committal service will follow in Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria. Pallbearers will be: Barrett Flinn, George Roesel, Kyle Austin, Luke Grossnickel, Matt Farcus, and Nick Gonzales.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bonita's memory to: Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle Drive, Chicago, IL or to Bethany Baptist Church, 7422 N. Heinz Lane, Edwards, IL

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Funeral Service

DEC 21. 1:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonita "Bon" Flinn*

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“ Dear Scott and family, I have so many memories of special times with Bonita. She was a good friend, a special friend from the day we met until the end. I am so happy I spent time with her at your home the day before you moved to your new location. Never did I dream that would be the last time I would hug my friend goodbye. We always had a such good time laughing and having a good time when we were together.



Our week together on the "Gaither Cruise" could never be replicated. What a wonderful time we had! We both loved the Gaither Concerts and attended anytime we had the opportunity. I remember in Indianapolis after attending a Christian Women's Conference we headed to the concert which was crowded. She spotted a couple seats way up front and said "follow me". Of course I did. A bit later we found ourselves sitting amid the singers who came off the stage. I don't remember we just acted like we were supposed to be there. Like I said, we always had fun whenever we were together.

I could go on and on. What I do believe is she'll be waiting at the gate when her loved ones join her in the "great beyond". I'm sure she has her "wings".

With sympathy to her beautiful family. She was a wonderful lady and friend.

Peace be with you.

Jerrie Rudd-Breen

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