



## Bonnie E. Stevens

December 26, 1942 - August 25, 2021

The Great Bard said beauty of itself persuades; it requires no orator. Those who loved Bonnie Helen Stevens, 78, needed no one to persuade of her beauty. She was a beautiful person in so many ways: wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her beauty greatly surpassed any words the mere mortal pen could ascribe.

Bonnie left us on a journey to a more beautiful place on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Her love and faith assures her presence in God's celestial gardens, gardens only slightly exceeding the wonders she created with her divinely-gifted talent and shared with us.

Bonnie the mother was peerless. Her grandchildren and step-grandchildren enjoyed her immeasurable love. She was fun, warm and encouraging. Their love for her was infinite. As a mom to her children and step-children, she was a true mom and the emptiness left by her passing will never be filled. Bonnie the friend: fun, involved, steady and there. Her involvement with the local and state garden clubs where she was exhibitor, judge and officer, allowed her amazing talent to be a source of inspiration and encouragement to aspiring club members and friends. Bonnie was correspondence officer for the Comptroller of Maryland in Annapolis. She loved knowing about the many matters that filtered through the office and laughed and, occasionally, was saddened by the issues she encountered. Bonnie and Ray is an expression like a single word: wife and husband, friends of each other, affection and care, inseparable team. It was Bonnie and Ray: it will always be.

Bonnie was from Cambridge, Maryland, her roots deep on the Eastern Shore. Her family ran a dairy in Dorchester County. Bonnie loved travel. Her own Bon Voyage travel agency in Cambridge gave her the world to explore. At the time of her passing Bonnie and Ray lived in Oxford, Maryland and are known for their generosity and welcoming. Holidays were fun around the Stevens' household. Bonnie is famous, perhaps infamous, for her dead-man's meatloaf, a ghoulish and utterly delicious Halloween creation. Bonnie and Ray often shared with the community their lawn for events like the Fourth of July and the Friday night sailboat races. Bonnie's smiles and hugs made any event at the Stevens' home a delight.

Bonnie's passing will be most felt by her husband, Ray of Oxford; brother, Rob Ewing (Stacey) of Denton, MD; daughter, Jodie Marshall (Bobby) of Woolford, MD; stepson, Ladd Stevens (Alison) of Easton, MD; stepdaughter Gay Bray of Raleigh, NC; grandchildren, Davis Bray, Sophie Bray and Belle Bray all of Raleigh, NC, Max Marshall (Molly) of Cambridge, MD, Whitney Marshall of Cambridge, MD, goddaughter and niece Glynis Burner (Jase), Austin, TX; and great-granddaughter Lucy Marshall, Cambridge, MD.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 26th beginning at 3pm at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, MD. The service will be held outdoors, under tents, and while everyone is encouraged to wear a mask; the church and family kindly request that anyone who is unvaccinated wear a mask.

A reception will follow the Celebration of Life at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in her memory may do so to the Church of the Holy Trinity, PO Box 387, Oxford, MD 21654 or the Oxford Garden Club, PO Box 674, Oxford, MD 21654.

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

SEP **26.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Holy Trinity  
Oxford, MD

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Thank you over and over Bonnie for your friendship. You were a outstanding special person in your life and will never be forgotten  
Sonny Elliott

Sonny Elliott - January 07 at 09:32 PM



“ Bonnie E. Stevens

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Bonnie E. Stevens

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Bonnie E. Stevens

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TO

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Stevens. I had the please of working with her for a short time and in that time she was always so kind, funny and put a smile on my face. She had a big heart and will be truly missed. prayers to the family of Mrs. Stevens  
Teresa Owens  
Comptroller of MD



Teresa Owens - September 22, 2021 at 02:18 PM

NN

“ Ray & Gay and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Bonnie. She was such a delight to be around. You're in our prayers! Xxxooo  
Nat & Mimi van Nortwick

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**Nat & Mimi van Nortwick** - September 18, 2021 at 09:58 PM

ES

“ Dear Ray,

*It was just a few days ago that we heard of your sad loss and know that you are grieving deeply. Bonnie was the epitome of a lady, as you well know more than anyone. It was obvious that your togetherness throughout your marriage was one of respect, love and devotion. Bud, of course, knew you both much better than I, and he confirms my thoughts of her tenfold. It is not easy to lose your anchor. I, we, hope you can maintain some steadiness with your family by sharing your heartheld memories; and share them often. Our sincerest sympathy to you.*

*Bud and Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth Skiles** - September 18, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie E. Stevens.



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September 14, 2021 at 09:41 PM

WW

“ Ray It is sad to see an angel leave her earthly presence but a Blessing to know that you will see her again in a land untouched by human hands. The loving relationship you shared on earth will be rewarded and glorified in Gods presence. I will never forget the smile that Bonnies presence always brought to your face. She was indeed part of you. As your wounds start to heal please know you too are loved by an old friend. My constant prayers I hope will lighten your hearts heavy burden. As the days pass I always remember our days in Cambridge and the Dreams we shared.  
WWG

wwgilman@aol.com - September 12, 2021 at 02:13 PM

CC

“ Miss Bonnie was an elegant, beautiful lady inside and out. She will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers to all her family.

Colleen Curran-Bromwell - September 11, 2021 at 06:16 PM

SF

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss Ray. Bonnie alway brought a smile. She was such a gracious lovely lady. Bonnie will be missed by all her knew her.



Stephanie Rose, Cockey, & Hovanec Family - September 07, 2021 at 07:36 PM

GF

“ Ray, I am sorry for your loss; Bonnie was a most beautiful and loving soul. She will be missed by many friends. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Gayle Bramble Faulkner

Gayle and Bob Faulkner - September 03, 2021 at 10:25 AM

GF

“ *Gayle And Bob Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Bonnie E. Stevens*



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**Gayle and Bob Faulkner** - September 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM

CW

“ *Chuck And Audrey Whitten lit a candle in memory of Bonnie E. Stevens*



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**Chuck and Audrey Whitten** - September 02, 2021 at 09:09 AM

CS

“ *Ray and family: So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. We were classmates from Peach Blossum Elementary school thru High School and neighborhood friends, shared many funny times, great memories, Bonnie was one of the sweetest, kind hearted persons. So sorry we lost touch in later years. Thoughts and Prayers to you, God has gained a special angel!*



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**Carole Moore Spicer** - September 01, 2021 at 12:04 PM

Haley  
Raymond

“ *Haley Raymond lit a candle in memory of  
Bonnie E. Stevens*



**Haley Raymond** - September 01, 2021 at 12:47 AM

NS

“ *Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of Bonnie  
E. Stevens*



**Nancy Smith** - August 30, 2021 at 05:26 PM

BL

“ *Bill & Beth Lacey lit a candle in memory of  
Bonnie E. Stevens*



**Bill & Beth Lacey** - August 30, 2021 at 09:51 AM

MA

“ *Mike & Cheryl Stephens Adams lit a candle in  
memory of Bonnie E. Stevens*



**Mike & Cheryl Stephens Adams** - August 29, 2021 at 02:42 PM

TM

“ Not long after moving to Easton we were approaching Holy Trinity Church in Oxford and saw this most elegant couple walking hand in hand to church. We said they must be newly weds as they looked so "together" and loving. We learned it was Bonnie & Ray Stevens and they had indeed been married for many years - they were still a loving together couple. We have since learned just how much they both give to the Community and made Oxford the richer and more special for their generosity. We are so sorry for the loss of this truly elegant and beautiful soul. Sadly Trish (& John) Malin

Trish Malin - August 29, 2021 at 02:26 PM

DO

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. Godspeed Miss Bonnie. You were a light on this earth, and we were all blessed to have known you.



Donna (McWilliams) and Richard Orr - August 29, 2021 at 02:06 PM

Johann Reardon

“ Ray I am so sorry for your loss. You and your wife were and always will be a class act. I will be thinking of you at this time. Johann Reardon

Johann Reardon - August 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JJ

“ Jim Joyce lit a candle in memory of Bonnie E. Stevens



Jim Joyce - August 27, 2021 at 08:00 PM

BM

“ *Jodie and family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers, hugs and love sent...*



**Billy & Linda Marshall** - August 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JN

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Bonnie was a very sweet lady. My prayers go up for each of you.*



**JoAnne Wingate Nabb** - August 27, 2021 at 05:25 PM

MM

“ *Tommy and I are so sorry for your loss. Bonnie will live on in your many wonderful memories. I thought of her all day yesterday when I heard the sad news, as I walked around my house that was hers first. Love to the family she left to remember her. ❤️*

**Melanie Merryweather** - August 27, 2021 at 04:41 PM

BF

*Ray, you know you and Bonnie were two of my best friends from high school. I don't have the words to express the crushing sadness I feel. Bonnie and I only spoke once a year (at most) on our post-Christmas shared birthday, but I thought of her often. She's irreplaceable. Love to you and the family. Bucky*

**Buck Farver** - August 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM

BF

*Ray, you know you and Bonnie were two of my best friends and high school classmates. I have no words to express the loss I feel. I'm in Florida to try to help my son as he recovers from a liver transplant and won't be able to make to the funeral service but will certainly be there in spirit.*

**Buck Farver** - August 29, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Bonnie E. Stevens.*



August 27, 2021 at 12:46 PM

DB

“ *So sadden about Bonnies death as she was a very special person. Will always be remembered as a special friend even if we didn't see one another in later years. my heart goes out too the family.*



**Dodie Bromwell** - August 27, 2021 at 12:08 PM

LF

“ *Linda Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Bonnie E. Stevens*



**Linda Fletcher** - August 26, 2021 at 05:37 PM

LW

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Bonnie. She was indeed a wonderful, happy and fun person and I was fortunate enough to spend many hours laughing with her and enjoying her company when we worked together in Ray's real estate office in Cambridge many years ago. She will be missed. My thoughts are with all of the family, especially Ray whom I think of often.

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**Lynne Waters** - August 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SS

“ I have too many memories of Aunt Bonnie to even begin to share them. Another of her great gifts was bestowing her unconditional love to a little girl who needed that. And who knows to how many others. Thank you Aunt Bonnie.

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**Sue Sue** - August 26, 2021 at 02:55 PM

PJ

*Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family.  
Pat and Robert Jones*

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**Pat and Robert Jones** - August 27, 2021 at 02:53 PM