



Bonita "Bonnie" R. Friend

March 22, 1938 - November 19, 2025

Bonita "Bonnie" Rose Friend, 87, of Havana, passed away at her home on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:17 a.m. She was born on March 22, 1938 in rural Kilbourne to Howard and Bessie (Whitley) Barker. She married Ronald L. Friend on March 23, 1957 in Normal, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on November 21, 2015. Bonnie is survived by her daughters, Pam Holtmeyer and Lori (Jason) Beck, both of Havana; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Hallie Hornke of Oakford and Kara Barrett of Kilbourne, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Friend; son, John Friend; and son-in-law, Rick Holtmeyer. Bonnie was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kilbourne. She attended Illinois State University in 1956–1957, later continuing her education at Spoon River College before graduating from Western Illinois University in 1982 with a degree in Home Economics. Bonnie

shared her love of learning as a substitute and teacher from 1986 until 1995. She enjoyed crocheting, baking, working jigsaw puzzles, gardening, and canning, and was always willing to lend a hand on the family farm. More than anything, Bonnie treasured time spent with her family.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral

Home in Havana, with a visitation one hour prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Ed Ingram will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial donations may be made in Bonnie's name to Mt. Zion Baptist Church or Kilbourne

Fire Department. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
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<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Bonnie was a classy lady. Good memories of weekend adventures with Ronnie and Bonnie. They were made for each other. Good neighbor and friend. You will be missed Bonnie!* ”

Sherri Santanna - November 25, 2025 at 07:53 PM

BC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.* ”



Brenda Craig - November 24, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LT

“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Sincerely, Lisa Thompson* ”



Lisa Jill Thompson - November 23, 2025 at 06:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bonita "Bonnie" R. Friend.* ”



November 20, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CS

“ Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Friend



Craig Schaeffer - November 20, 2025 at 07:06 PM

MC

“ Prayers for family. Bonnie was a sweet person.



Marcia Ann Chaney - November 20, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Friend



Larry and Mary Hundt - November 20, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DL

“ Diana Shoemaker Lind lit a candle in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Friend



Diana Shoemaker Lind - November 20, 2025 at 08:08 AM

SB

“ *Lori, I am so sorry to hear about your mom, My deepest sympathies. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless*

Scott Budke - November 20, 2025 at 05:53 AM

CK

“ *Prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss.*

Carol Fisk Kolves. - November 19, 2025 at 11:44 PM

CP

“ *Sorry for you and your family's loss.
Carl Parrish*

Carl Parrish - November 19, 2025 at 10:08 PM

GW

“ *So sorry*



Gina Watkins - November 19, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonita "Bonnie" R. Friend.*



November 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM

GF

“ Grant & Kim Fornoff and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonita "Bonnie" R. Friend.

Grant & Kim Fornoff and family - November 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️✝️



Dan and Chris Wilson - November 19, 2025 at 03:46 PM