



LaVonne "Bonnie" Tinley

September 1, 1939 - August 26, 2021

LaVonne "Bonnie" Tinley, 81, of Indianapolis, passed away August 26, 2021. She was born September 1, 1939 to the late Clyde and Birdie Tinley. Bonnie was a 1957 graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. She was a flight attendant for U.S. Air for over 33 years, retiring in 1990. Bonnie was a longtime member of Brookside United Methodist Church, and a current member of Warren Park Wesleyan Church. Visitation will be Monday, August 30, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Bonnie is survived by her siblings, Dianna Miller, Glen Steele (Linda), Juanita R. Lane and James Sherrow (Barbara); and five nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Cemetery Details

Old Union Cemetery

6833 Old Union Road
Jamestown, IN 46147

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ *I am so saddened by her passing. I always enjoyed her company and was looking forward to the LCA luncheons again this year after 2020 did not allow it! My deepest condolences to the family! Fly high with the angels Bonnie! RIP!* ”

cheryl williamson - August 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM

“ I had met Bonnie in BOS when I was first hired at usAir. My father flew with Lake Central Airlines, and Bonnie would tell me about babysitting me and my brothers and sisters during the early 60's. I think one of Bonnie's closest friends, Evelyn Thornton , contributed to that endeavor also !! How were we to know? We were all so young !! It was FUN to listen to her stories about the Stewardess from the early years. As you can tell from her picture, those girls (ladies) were at the top of their game in beauty, style, and grace. I transferred to PIT, and years passed. I found out that a group of LCA employees out of IND had a lunch get together once a month. I met with them, and found that Bonnie had been in a nursing home, suffering from different ailments that prevented her from driving and socializing. I got her phone number. She answered in this low, sultry, sexy voice, this is LeVon, and then started giggling. I never knew her name was LeVon, and she knew she had me !! I asked her out on a “date” for the lunch. It took a little convincing, but there we were !! After the first lunch, we went on a tour of Speedway, and I listened to her tales of the young Stews in the sixties and seventies as they were wined and dined, dated Race Car drivers, pilots, businessmen, and the fun at work. Work ? She showed me the two separate, classy, upscale apartment buildings from which the bunch of them operated, and lamented on how they weren't that way anymore. The parallel between their lifestyle and Hugh Hefner's lifestyle, began to form in my head. WOW !! I was touring with a real celebrity !! I learned about Bonnie's love of sports !! She could talk football with anybody, and loved the Colts !! I felt very honored to have been with a young girl, full of life, that was the real thing, like you see in the movies, in the body that held her back. My Grandfather told me to never get old !! Bonnie agreed with that statement !! The last time that I remember seeing Bonnie, was Christmas of 2019. Larry Trapp had given me a copy of the red USAir book to give to her, because her health prevented her from coming to

Christmas lunch.

I walked in the door of the retirement/care facility, and you hear that voice, are you lost sailor ? Bonnie was the talk of the town amongst her friends, playing cards for money, and living out the remaining years of her life!!

They all crowed around Bonnie and that book !!

Best present EVER !!

I left for Tennessee later that afternoon, thinking how fun it will be to see her in the Spring, but Covid-19 changed those plans. I spoke with her twice in 2020, and then all went quiet.

It was enlightening to meet and joke around with Bonnie. I felt very honored to have spent the time with her!! Definitely, a life well lived !!

*I hope that she is dancing with the Angels,
Captain Mark P. Skillman*

Captain Mark P. Skillman - August 30, 2021 at 01:20 AM

MB

“ *Mary Butler lit a candle in memory of LaVonne "Bonnie" Tinley*



mary butler - August 29, 2021 at 01:29 PM

MB

Bonnie was our special friend during high school. She had a car therefore, our chauffer to take us to all our favorite places in Indy. I have very fond memories with Bonnie and our friends. Bonnie made friends during her wonderful career as an Airline Stewardess. God bless you and I'll see you in our Heavens .

mary butler - August 29, 2021 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Bonnie was truly the "Best Friend" anyone could ever ask for! She made "everyone's world" a Brighter place: more Smiles, more Joy, and a lot more Love..my thoughts and prayers are with love ones and friends.*

*Evelyn Thornton
Hampton, NH*

Evelyn Thornton - August 28, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of LaVonne "Bonnie" Tinley.*



August 27, 2021 at 01:11 PM