



## Bonnie Lee Skiles

March 6, 1945 - December 11, 2024

Bonnie Lee Skiles, loving wife, mother and grandmother, age 79 of W. Lampeter Township passed away at home on December 11, 2024 surrounded by family, after a short battle with cancer. Born on March 6, 1945 in New Jersey, she was adopted by her grandparents, the late Arthur Sr. and Lillian Bates after her father, Arthur Bates, Jr., was killed in WWII. She grew up in Lancaster.

Bonnie graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1965. She married the late Lt. Cary J. Skiles, Retired Lancaster City Fire Company on May 11, 1968. They were married 46 years at the time of his passing on July 11, 2014.

She worked for over 25 years for the Lampeter-Strasburg School District as Kitchen Manager. She was a wonderful cook and loved making big holiday meals, going overboard to ensure there was enough leftovers for everyone to take home. She enjoyed time spent camping at Bethany Beach and at a family cabin in Peach Bottom. She enjoyed going to public auctions, bidding on box lots. She and Cary enjoyed many cruise vacations before and after retirement. Most importantly, Bonnie enjoyed time spent with her kids and grandchildren.

Bonnie will be greatly missed, but her family is comforted knowing she is reunited with her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Skiles of

Lancaster; grandchildren, Dylan and Caitlyn; and daughter, Lori, wife of Jason Wenrich of Mohnton; twin granddaughters, Hannah and Hailey and step grandson, Hunter. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Edward and Jack Bates and sister, Betty Hershey.

Services will be held at the convenience of her family. Please consider memorial remembrances to Hospice and Community Care. Bonnie's family would like to thank all the doctors and staff at the University of Pennsylvania and Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center for the care they provided to her during her time of need.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim and Lori:*

*I am sorry to read about the loss of your mother. As stated, she is now reunited with your dad. I remember seeing her many times at L-S when my kids were there! I hope your memories will help you at this time. My sincerest sympathies.*

*Ken Barton*

*Lancaster City Fire, Retired*

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**Ken Barton Sr.** - December 22, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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“ *As the other grandparents of the twins we have many memories of times spent with Bonnie and Cary at family gatherings. We enjoyed their friendship and will miss them both. Mark and Mary Ann Wenrich*

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**Mark and Mary Ann Wenrich** - December 13, 2024 at 01:33 PM