



## Bonita Arlene Porter

March 14, 1936 - December 30, 2024

**\*ALL SERVICES CANCELLED AT THIS TIME\***

Bonita Arlene Porter passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on Monday, December 30, 2024 in Bloomington. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior as a young teenager, and her faith, along with her devotion to family and friends, remained central throughout her life.

Bonita attended McCalla Primary School and graduated from Bloomington High School. Her career spanned several notable companies, including RCA and Citizens Bank, and she retired from Otis Elevator. She was a dedicated member of her community, volunteering for various non-profit organizations. Bonita had a passion for Bible studies, drawing, painting, crocheting, and writing, which brought joy not only to her but also to those around her.

Bonita was the loving mother of a large family. She is survived by her children: Don, Monty, and Tom; daughters-in-law: Kris and Robbin; bonus son: Wayne Botkins; friend: Tuesday Adkins Brinson; and sister-in-law: Wilma Livingston. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Carly Carter (Dustin), Dylan Porter (Michelle), Tyler Porter (Jakki), Dalton Porter (Elisha), Lacey Porter (Zack), Ashley Buis (Shawn), Jon Porter, Gary Roberts, and Victor Roberts, along with twenty great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Clifford Earl Porter, her son Ronald Earl Porter; her brothers Wallace and Derrell Carmichael; and sister-in-law Lois Carmichael.

A service to celebrate Bonita's life will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at

1:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old St Rd 37.

Visitation will also be held Sunday from 12:00PM until the time of the service at 1:00PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bonita's memory can be made to the Bartcole Foundation, 2495 Siebolt Quarry Rd, Bedford, IN 47421, in honor of Cole Winnefeld. The foundation is dedicated to funding research for novel therapies for neuroblastoma and other pediatric cancers.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Ernie & Laura Reed purchased the Sweet Tender ness for the family of Bonita Arlene Porter.*



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**Ernie & Laura Reed** - January 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Ernie & Laura Reed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonita Arlene Porter.*

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**Ernie & Laura Reed** - January 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM

BD

“ *Bonita was simply the greatest aunt one could have. She never failed to say the kindest things or make you feel so loved. Even in her darkest days she would hold your hand, touch your face, and give you a smile that I know is lighting up heaven. She was and always will be an angel that I was able to love on earth. Thinking of all she was will always bring a smile.*  
*Beth*

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**Beth Downing** - January 03, 2025 at 06:22 AM

MC

“ *Donation in lieu of flowers made to the Bartcole Foundation in loving memory of Aunt Bonnie.*  
*Love to all the kids*  
*Mark and Matia Carmichael*

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**Mark Carmichael** - January 02, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DC

*Bonita Porter was an amazing soul that shared a beautiful smile, attitude and most of all a Christ like heart to everyone she came in contact with. We will truly miss her beautiful smile on this earth but the angels in heaven are rejoicing and she will be looking down on her 4 wonderful sons and their families! I was blessed to have such a giving and amazing aunt!*

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**Dan Carmichael** - January 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM

MC

“*Aunt Bonnie was a lovely person and is now at peace with the Lord. Some of my best family memories was when my family would take a day trip to the Bloomington area and visit Uncle Earl and Aunt Bonnie. My brothers and I would play with our cousins Donnie, Ronnie, Tommy and Monty. (This was several years before my sister Beth was born and then Aunt Bonnie spoiled the new baby girl). Aunt Bonnie and mom would cook up great meals and special desserts. What a time! When dad passed, Aunt Bonnie always made special effort to check in on mom and make certain she was ok. At this time of year I am reminded of all the great Christmas times we spent and how Aunt Bonnie made them extra special. In my retired life I have taken up painting and drawing. Aunt Bonnie was a very fine artist and encouraged me greatly. I will miss her helpful and loving comments. She cared about everyone and brought much joy to our lives. When Maria and I were married many years ago, Aunt Bonnie treated her like a daughter and made her feel a welcome part of the family.*

*We will miss her.*

*Mark and Maria Carmichael*

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**Mark Carmichael** - January 02, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonita Arlene Porter.*



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January 02, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *Bonita and Clifford were always special people to everyone around them. Excepting, forgiving, and very much giving to anyone in need! They often open their home and life's to share with any of the boys friends or companions! I will never forget the days in Newark with all the family! What a legacy they leave! Thanks for sharing with an old friend! Bryan*

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**Bryan Davis** - January 01, 2025 at 12:10 PM



*Sorry to hear of Bonita's passing! Fond memories of Bonita and Clifford!*

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**Rodney** - January 03, 2025 at 10:12 AM