



Diane Marie Bunnell

January 7, 1953 - September 21, 2019

Diane Bunnell, 66, of Oskaloosa passed away Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Diane Marie Bunnell, daughter of Merlyn Joseph and Gladys “Gladie” Elizabeth (Berg) O’Tool, was born January 7, 1953, in Centerville, Iowa. She grew up in Jolley, Iowa, a small town in Calhoun County and attended grade school there. She was a 1971 graduate of Rockwell City High School. While in high school, she met the love-of-her-life, Vernon Bunnell, while he was working for Dickinson Company installing road signs throughout Iowa. They married June 5, 1971, and the couple made their home in Oskaloosa. Diane started working at Pella Corp. on the line in the casement division in July of that year. She remained with the company until 1985, when she had to retire due a brain tumor diagnosis. She overcame the brain tumor and went onto develop many interests that working full-time had not allowed. She enjoyed baking, growing flowers, and loved watching Christmas movies. The family enjoyed many yearly vacations and Little House on the Prairie destinations were a favorite attraction. Diane enjoyed her home; she delighted in hosting home interior decorating parties. She also loved gathering friends and family to play games, especially Phase 10, Four Corners, and Sorry; assembling jigsaw puzzles was also a favorite pastime. Her dog Muffy was her constant companion and brought her much joy through the years. Diane was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and volunteered in the kitchen for funeral luncheons.

Her family includes husband, Vern; her children: Amy Walker of Oskaloosa and Scot Bunnell of Cedar Rapids; grandchildren: Jaxson Walker and Scarlett and Sacha Bunnell; a brother, Scott O'Tool of Rockwell City; and a sister, Michelle "Sharonina" Bomba of Middleburg, Florida.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce O'Tool.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. John Spiegel officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin after noon on Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. A Christian Vigil Service will be held at 5 p.m. followed by a visitation with the family until 7 p.m. Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church for the Shut-in Visitation Ministry.

Previous Events

Open Visitation

SEP **24.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

Christian Vigil Service

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Family Visitation

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Mass of the Ressurrection

SEP **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
315 First Ave.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
oskystmary@diodav.org
<http://stmarysosky.com/>

Burial

SEP **25** (CT)

Forest Cemetery
934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Marie Bunnell*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.*



September 24, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.*



September 24, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.*



September 24, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.



September 24, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 23, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.



September 23, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Bunnell.* ”



September 23, 2019 at 10:48 AM

“ Mom,

Thank you giving me the advice you could, when you could. You had it. When you did.

I remember you most from your twenties. Before that brain tumor had you struggling at age 31 and beyond. When I was 11.

I remember how you comforted me when I had questions on death.

On friendships and family. Our talks before bed. On how to live the best life with integrity. How you played with me. Helped me open presents at Christmas. Helped me learn artistic placement.

Introduced me to music. To history. Showed me how to make my bed. Clean the house. Appreciate the things that I had and what came before me. To dream. To be the best I can be even if it was tough.

And after your initial struggle on how to continue in the face of adversity. When we had that talk, when you asked God, why me? Helping you learn how to pick up utensils. To walk again. Dress. To speak.

Then it happened again.

And again.

And then again.

Your body kept giving out. Throughout life. Failing you. And I watched as it took its toll on you.

Over time, our conversations became simple.

We talked about the weather. Of your favorite pastimes. Mementos.

TV shows. And lost, were the deeper conversations we used to share. What seemed like a moment. And that hurt the most. For there were so many things I wanted to still share. Wanted to know.

But our love. Our love remained constant.

Even though our sorrow for what wasn't and what may never be grew. Of the countless times you told me you were sorry.

Our happiness of seeing each other never diminished. We smiled at each hello over the years. Shared tears at each goodbye. We never let the rain drench us in our sunshine towards each other. All the way to the end.

When you couldn't speak at all but mouthed I love you. I wiped tears from your eyes and layed my hand on your head. I held your hand

*and whispered repeatedly that I was here.
You knew. And you breathed.
Until you went away.
And felt relief.
In the strongest of definitions.
I will always honor you, Mom.
And will continue to learn to weather life and strive for happiness.
Like you.
Thank you.*

Scot Bunnell - September 22, 2019 at 08:45 PM

BM

“ Vern keeping your family in our prayers. mom , dad , Jeanne and I are vacationing in Arkansas. Let us know if we can be helpful to your family when we get back.

Dave Dorothy Jeanne Barry

Barry Marshall - September 22, 2019 at 04:50 PM

JL

“ Vern and family, Thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss!



Judy & Larry Lewis - September 22, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ Dad, Stacie and I extend our sincerest condolences to you and your family.

Owen McKee - September 21, 2019 at 11:32 PM

CW

“ Vern and family,
You and your family are in my prayers during
this difficult time.
Try to think of all the wonderful memories you
had with her. I can tell you it isn't easy losing
someone you love so much.

Praying that God gives you peace, comfort, strength during this
time.

Lee and Connie Wright



Connie Wright - September 21, 2019 at 11:05 PM

TH

“ We are sorry for your loss may God wrap his loving arms around all
u God Bless.

The Hol Family

Tim & Kim Hol - September 21, 2019 at 07:56 PM