



## Bonnie Iris Rockafellow

January 24, 1947 - April 1, 2025

Dr. Bonnie Iris Rockafellow, 78, of Charlotte, a loving mother and grandmother of deep Faith, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Dr. Rockafellow was born January 24, 1947 in Lake Odessa, the daughter of Gerald Leon and Rose Margaret (Cook) Augst. She graduated from Lakewood High School in 1965 and earned her Bachelor Degree from Michigan State University. Soon after, she married the love of her life, Michael "Mick" J. Rockafellow on June 10, 1967 in Lake Odessa. She went on to earn her Master of Science degree at Indiana University as well as a Specialist in Reading from the University of Virginia. In 2002, she completed her Doctorate Degree from Michigan State University.

Dr. Rockafellow retired as an education consultant for the Michigan Department of Education in 2010. During her time as an educator she taught in K-12 systems in Michigan, Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania; penal systems in Ohio and Virginia and higher education institutions in Michigan. In her spare time, she enjoyed travel and time in the outdoors, especially when accompanying Mick hunting and fishing. She was an avid reader and had a creative flair for painting. She and Mick were devout members of Grace Brethren Church. Bonnie lived her life as a testament to her unwavering Faith in Jesus Christ. A devout Christian, she carried His love in her heart and shared it abundantly with those around her. She walked in Faith, served with love, and embraced each day as a gift from the Lord.

Bonnie is survived by her children and their spouses, Andrew (Stephanie) Rockafellow of Charlotte, Daniel (Sarah) Rockafellow of Dimondale, Kristen (Jonathan) Jarvis of Hudsonville; three grandchildren, Claire Rockafellow, Autumn Rockafellow, and Chase Rockafellow; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Mick in 2017; brothers, Vaughn, Ernest and Owen Augst; sister, Geraldine Winsely; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Bonnie's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Funeral Services will be held at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Potter officiating at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025 with visitation from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. just prior. Interment will take place in Woodland Memorial Park in Woodland, MI. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>, click on Bonnie's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Graveside

APR 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

Woodland Memorial Park/Woodland Cemetery  
Velte Road  
Woodland, MI 48897

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 05, 2025 at 09:04 AM

DM

*Sending love and support. So appreciate time we spent with Aunt Bonnie at the lake and for our craft day. Long over due visit. Love D'Anna*

D'Anna Matney - April 05, 2025 at 12:11 PM

PM

*To the family of Bonnie & Mick - I was a part of their congregation when Mick was pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Flora, IN, era 1970s. I will always be grateful to Mick as he was very instrumental in leading my soon to be husband to a saving knowledge of Chirst during premartial counseling. Via Facebook, Bonnie and I reconnected in recent years. I'm so sorry for your loss. However, I just wanted you to know the impact your folks had on our marriage, 52 years this coming year. We are both serving the Lord in our local church and life. And gratefully, we were able to let your folks know of this changed life before Mick died.*

Pam S Michael - April 21, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 04, 2025 at 05:20 PM

KS

“ *Bonnie was a friend of many years. We were very sad to learn that she had passed. Sending condolences to all of you. Kitty and Dick Stanley*

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**Kitty Stanley** - April 05, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JB

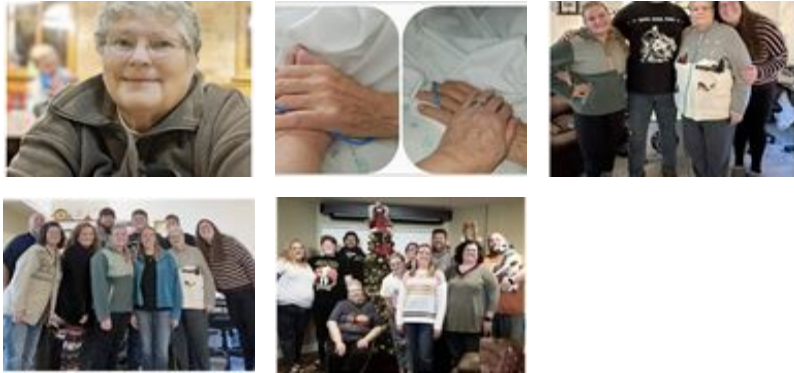
“ *Bonnie and I crossed paths when we were 4 years old, our family lived around the corner from her home. We started kindergarten together and rode the same bus to school thru our senior year. I learned she could run faster and was smarter at an early age. She was so fast , that she never slowed down. Dedicated and willing to work hard is the Bonnie I knew.*

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**John Booher** - April 04, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 04, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ The Calls & their families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.

The Calls & their families - April 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ The Calls & their families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.



The Calls & their families - April 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ I met Bonnie & Mick over 40 years ago in Warsaw, Ind. They been friends since - esp in ministry. I was not able to get to Mick`s service years ago. But we will be able to be there tomorrow for her service.

Eldon Grubb - April 04, 2025 at 01:25 PM

ML

“ I have been friends with Bonnie for many years beginning in High School. A few of us visited Bonnie in her home last Fall where she shared with us that she was now on 100% oxygen and was ready to meet God in Heaven. She had a joyous spirit and quiet love for everyone. Until we meet again, Bonnie, I will miss & love you. ❤️ ☐

Melody LaNew - April 03, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RT

“ I met Bonnie, and Mick, in 1994. They were so welcoming and warm hearted it was very easy to open up and talk as if I'd known them longer. As sorrowful it is to hear of her passing, much stronger is the joy knowing she and Mick are together again.

Rich Thompson - April 02, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.



April 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.

April 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DY

“ My thoughts and prayers for the Rockafellow Family for the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother. May she finally rest in peace with Mick!

Dan Yordanich - April 02, 2025 at 08:34 AM

MI

“ Bonnie was a true Artist In Residence in the ARTcare Program at Grace Village Retirement Community! More than a “true Artist”, she was such a strong Christian Spirit for all residents and staff! She gifted Grace Village with “painted rocks” across campus and was known as our “Rock Lady”! As an ARTcare Angel now, her spirit and creative energy will be with us as her picture hangs in the ARTroom with all of the other precious Souls that have blessed ARTcare!  
THANK YOU BONNIE! 🕊️❤️🕊️

Michael Conley- ARTcare Instructor - April 02, 2025 at 06:58 AM

NC

“ We remember going to her house for Thanksgiving when she lived in Pennsylvania and eating delicious food and having a fun time.. We were sorry to learn of her death. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Kendall and Nancy Cook

Nancy Cook - April 02, 2025 at 06:47 AM

LO

“ Bonnie has been a good friend since grade school. As we grew older we enjoyed many gatherings with our girl friends. We all laugh about our times together, some quite funny, some got us in a bit of trouble. I was never worried my mother helped us instigate a lot of our fun. Love you Bonnie, I know you were ready to meet our LORD and be with your Mick, and other dearly loved family members.  
Sincerely, Linda Stowell Olson.

Linda Stowell Olson - April 01, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.

April 01, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.



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“ *Brian's memories of Bonnie and Mick are too numerous to count. From growing up together to times at Head Lake and Florida. Brian loved the two of them and would often seek advice from them. Rest in peace Bonnie. We know you and Mick both left such a loving legacy for their kids and grandkids. They touched so many lives in their time on earth. I say Mick and Bonnie, because that is how they lived, two as one. We grieve, but we also rejoice, for the beautiful reunion taking place in heaven. So many have gone before Bonnie, and we know they are having a grand time together now.*

**Brian and Deb Henney** - April 01, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *My wife and I met Mick and Bonnie several years ago. As a fellow pastor we shared much and talked theology often. Then we kept up with Bonnie after Mick's home going. Our deepest sympathy to the family and close friends on your great loss. They are receiving their great rewards in the presence of our Father now... blessings...*

**Dan Cameron** - April 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM

MH

“ *Bonnie was one of my best friend. We started kindergarten together, and graduated in 1965. She is with Jesus now and can finally breath, see you again. Prayers for family. Love Marsha*

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**Marsha Hamp** - April 01, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bonnie Iris Rockafellow.*



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April 01, 2025 at 04:58 PM