



## Bonnie Brown Marple

June 29, 1936 - December 28, 2020

Bonnie Brown Marple, 84, passed away on December 28, 2020, in Wilmington, NC after an extended illness. She was surrounded by family and the sounds of “Amazing Grace.” She was predeceased by her husband of 19 years, Nate Marple.

Bonnie was born in Lexington, KY to the late Miller Brown and Betty Brown Rust. Bonnie spent a great deal of her childhood with her grandparents George and Elizabeth “Mama Jones”. Bonnie’s siblings are Pat Brown Salyers (deceased) and husband Fig, Sandi Wilson and husband Eddie, Butch Brown and wife Carolyn, Cheryl Geer (deceased) and husband Stat, and Jo Gayle Zapavigna and husband Jim.

Bonnie is survived by her seven children who live in various areas of NC:

Mark Insley of Wilmington, Julie Insley of Durham, Paul Insley of Wilmington, Jamie Insley of Whiteville, Missy Insley Winslow and husband Scott of Weaverville, Janet Insley of Wilmington, and Suzy Insley Nisbet and husband Stuart of Cary. Bonnie’s family also includes nine grandchildren: Shannon Fine and husband Daniel, Alicia Insley Smith and husband Jeff, Tiffany Insley Lee and husband Andy, Adam Insley and wife Katie, Nicole Nisbet Post and husband Travis, Rachel Nisbet, Mason Insley, Luke Insley, and Maya Insley. Bonnie’s fourth generation family includes seven great grandchildren: Gracie Fine, Lawton Fine, Ava Insley, Jackson Smith, Oliver Smith, Jameson Insley, and Grady Insley. She was loved by all her family and will be missed greatly. Bonnie spent most of her career in social work and retired when she married

Nate. They enjoyed retirement together and traveled to many countries. She loved the history, culture, art, architecture, and food from around the world. Of all the places in the world to travel, Bald Head Island in NC was her favorite. Bonnie extended her enjoyment of art by serving as a Docent at the Nasher Museum of Art in Durham, NC. She also loved going to operas, symphonies, and plays. Bonnie most recently lived in Morrisville, NC, at Preston Pointe retirement community where she enjoyed playing games, watching movies, and listening to music.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Sympathy Gift courtesy of anthony f marple. Group of 50 Memorial Trees Planted In Loving Memory of Bonnie Brown Marple.*

anthony f marple - January 04, 2021 at 02:07 PM

SN

“ *Sympathy Gift courtesy of Stuart Nisbet. Group of 50 Memorial Trees Planted In Loving Memory of Bonnie Brown Marple.*

Stuart Nisbet - January 03, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DW

“ *Our sympathies to all of you. She was a very sweet lady. May she rest in peace.*

Donna & Don Winslow - January 01, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JW

“ *Praying for the entire family for peace now and in the New Year. May she rest peacefully.*

Jim Winslow - December 31, 2020 at 11:57 PM

MB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Much love to all of the family.*

Marie Boon - December 31, 2020 at 11:14 PM

KW

“ *My sincerest condolences to all of Bonnie's family. May the new year bring you peace and may you find comfort in your fond memories of her.*

Kathy Webster - December 31, 2020 at 11:01 PM