

# SHIRLEY BONELLO CONOVER



Shirley Bonello Conover, 95, passed away on September 15, 2023, in Upper St. Clair, PA. Born Shirley Jane Lenon on January 28, 1928, in Carrick, PA, to the late Bud and Elsie Lenon, and sister to the late Alyce Bowles, Shirley was preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. Joseph "JJ" Bonello, and her second husband, William "Bink" Conover.

Joe and Shirley lovingly raised their four children in Mt. Lebanon where they provided an idyllic home life for their family. She is survived by her children, Phil (Julie), Kurt (Christi), David, and Lisa McFarland (Edward III "Ned"); grandchildren Philip, Peter, Christopher, Lauren, Jon, Ashley, and Edward IV "EJ"; and two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Alpina.

Shirley was an elegant, resilient, and sophisticated woman with timeless beauty. She had a warm smile and kind words for everyone she met and was a trusted confidant to many.

Shirley was a world traveler, an accomplished cook (she was especially proud of her culinary studies with Ferdinand Metz), an avid reader, and a lover of music and the arts. She was a docent at the Carnegie Museum of Art for many years and took particular pleasure in introducing young people to the thought and beauty behind the sculptures and paintings. In her mid-fifties, Shirley's unquenchable thirst for knowledge prompted her to receive a degree in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh with magna cum laude honors. She also enjoyed Bridge, tennis, golf, skiing, and immersing herself in nature. Shirley rarely missed her daily four-mile walk with her dear friends, regardless of the weather her beloved Pittsburgh threw at her. Shirley found humor and positivity in each day. Even as her health deteriorated in her final years, she always remained grateful, positive, kind, and dignified. Shirley's greatest joy came from her family, who felt her endless love every single day. Heaven gained a radiant, spirited, elegant, and selfless wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be missed.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, September 28th at **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL HOME**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Animal Friends, the Alzheimer's Association, Friendship Village of South Hills, or Gallagher Hospice.

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