



Alice Jean (née O'Connor) Bonham

September 10, 1959 - March 28, 2026

Alice Jean Bonham, of Hobart, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by love. A devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. Alice was known as “mom” to many, not just her own children, but to countless others whose lives she touched with her kindness, generosity, and unwavering compassion.

Alice had a heart that knew no limits. She helped anyone in need, loved deeply, and gave freely of herself. Her home was always open, her advice always honest, and her presence a source of comfort and strength. She leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and selflessness that will live on in all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving children: Tabitha and Daniel Ortega (née Ward) of Port St. Lucie, Florida; Richard Ward of Valparaiso, Indiana; Jason Ward of Hobart, Indiana; and Erica and Fernando Cruz (née Bonham) of Crete, Illinois. She was a proud and cherished grandmother to Michael Jacobson, Caleb Schiesser, Richard Ward Jr., Austin Ward, Destiny Ward, Caden Stone, Fernando Cruz Jr., Catalina Cruz, Joshua Holtz, and Justin Holtz, each of whom brought immense joy to her life.

Alice is also survived by her mother, Wanda Luxton (Miller, O'Connor), and her siblings: Paul O'Connor, Howard O'Connor, Diana O'Connor, Georgia Smith, John O'Connor, and Tami Bartra, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Alice shared a special companionship and love with her significant other, Jim

Salmi, whose presence brought her comfort and happiness. Together they created many special memories, especially through their time spent traveling and enjoying life side by side. She is also survived by many loving friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father, George O'Connor; her husband, Douglas Bonham; and her son, Joseph Ward whom she will now rest beside again.

Though our hearts are heavy, we find peace in knowing Alice is now at rest, free from pain and reunited with loved ones who went before her. Her love will continue to guide us, her memory will forever be a blessing, and her spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched.

Visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory 701 East 7th Street Hobart, Indiana 46342 on Monday, April 6, 2026 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Funeral service will be held at Christian Church of Hebron 202 E. Sigler Street Hebron, Indiana 46341 on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Osborne Cemetery S County Road 450 E Rensselaer, Indiana 47906.

Please visit Alice's online obituary and guestbook at www.BurnsFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Osborne Cemetery

S County Road 450 E
Rensselaer, IN 47906

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
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<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christian Church Of Hebron
202 E. Sigler Street
Hebron, IN 46341

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences Georgia to you and your family. Peace be with you.
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Maria Medrano - April 07 at 07:20 PM

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“ *The Albright's purchased the Enchanted Cottage
for the family of Alice Jean (née O'Connor)
Bonham.*



The Albright's - April 02 at 08:58 PM

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“ *The Albright's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Jean (née
O'Connor) Bonham.*

The Albright's - April 02 at 08:58 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Alice Jean (née O'Connor) Bonham.*



April 02 at 11:59 AM

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“ *She was the best mother anyone could ever want. I remember when mom came to Colorado to pick me up we went to the Garden of The Gods and The seven falls. The last time she was there was when I was a child. So there are these steps it's almost 300 stairs to the top of the mountain. My niece and I made it half way up with mom where she stopped the first time she was there and couldn't make it up all the way. This time she looked and my niece and I and said go ahead I will be right behind you. We get to the top and it's getting to dark to even see the trails they had. So we turn around and what we see was my mom who made it all the way up to the top of the mountain and the smile on her face was priceless. I miss her so much and love her.*



Jason Ward - April 01 at 08:42 AM



“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Jean (née O'Connor) Bonham.*



March 31 at 05:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alice Jean (née O'Connor) Bonham.*

March 31 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Jean (née O'Connor) Bonham.*



March 31 at 02:24 PM