



Lesley A Gonigam

April 11, 1951 - December 9, 2025

Tiskilwa - Lesley Ann Gonigam, 74, of Tiskilwa, IL, sadly passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at OSF Saint Clare Medical Center, in Princeton, IL. She was born at that same location, then known as Perry Memorial Hospital, on April 11, 1951, to Gail L. and Helen Y. (Klesath) Plumley of rural Manlius.

Lesley graduated from Manlius High School, Class of 1969, and attended Western Illinois University. She was an active member in multiple communities throughout her life.

She was married to Richard S. Huebner from 1973 to 1985, with whom she had two children - Elizabeth A. (Huebner) Dobbs and Jonathan S. (Stephanie Fowler) Huebner. In 1987, she would find love again and married Craig C. Gonigam, together they welcomed twins - Patrick G. Gonigam and Suzanne Y. (Gonigam) Bence.

Lesley was a founding member of the Act IV community theater group and participated as an actor and a singer in many Princeton Homestead Festival performances as well as Festival 56. She was a member of the Princeton-Illinois Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and volunteered her time as a tutor at Lincoln Elementary School.

She loved Jesus Christ and showed His compassion as a dedicated member of a number of churches in the area. She had a life-long passion for music and a beautiful soprano voice, which allowed her to sing in many choirs and choruses throughout her life.

Lesley was preceded in death by her parents, Gail L Plumley and Helen Y Plumley, sister Marilee (Plumley) Frient and infant brother Jay Plumley.

She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Craig; her siblings and their families, Sharon (Robert) Bittner, Christine (Roy) Jones and Allen (Cindy Dale) Plumley; four children, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Patrick and Suzanne; sixteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lesley's expansive family adored their "Nonnie", a loving nickname that was her mother's as well, and they always looked forward to seeing her at family gatherings and other special occasions.

Lesley had a caring heart and a spirited personality and reveled in those family get-togethers. She was often found at the center of the gathering, as performers frequently are, and would often trigger a fit of the jovial, yet uniquely identifiable "Plumley Laugh" in multiple members of the family. She loved well and was well loved, and she was absolutely devoted to those around her.

Please join us in celebrating her life and the impact she had upon those who knew her.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, December 21st, from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, 701 E. Thompson Street, Princeton, IL 61356.

Funeral services to follow at 2:00 pm at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. &

Monuments. Per her request, cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Tiskilwa Ambulance Service, 135 High Street, Tiskilwa, IL 61368 in Lesley's honor.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ We have many wonderful memories of being with Aunt Lesley but the most special gift she gave us was our wedding day, 32 years ago. The Gonigam family traveled many hours to be there. She and Craig helped Patrick and Suzanne to be the best little ring bearer and flower girl. And Aunt Lesley sang "Sunrise, Sunset" so beautifully, with Tonya's piano teacher accompanying. Sending our love to all the family, Todd and Tonya Bittner



Tonya Bittner - December 19, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JP

“ John P. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lesley A Gonigam.



John P. - December 19, 2025 at 12:17 PM

ZS

“ Zak and Shelby purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lesley A Gonigam.



Zak and Shelby - December 18, 2025 at 02:31 AM

RM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Craig. Lesley was a wonderful person with so much compassion and passion for justice. I’ll never forget the time a kitten attached itself to her car and she drove all the way home with that kitten. I think she adopted him-Buddy, if I remember right. Rest in peace, Lesley.

Rachael Mellen - December 17, 2025 at 06:17 PM

CP

“ I worked with Lesley at IVCIL which gave me the opportunity to get to know her. We shared many laughs during lunch break. I am sincerely sorry to learn of her passing.
Cynthia Panizzi

Cynthia Panizzi - December 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM

AC

“ American Nickeloid Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lesley A Gonigam.

American Nickeloid Company - December 16, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lesley A Gonigam.



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“ *Nina, Tom, JT, and Alex purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lesley A Gonigam.*



Nina, Tom, JT, and Alex - December 16, 2025 at 10:32 AM