

Bonnie was born on August 6, 1924, in Peoria, a daughter of the late George and Mary (Byrne) Edwards. She married Stanley R. Gilles, he preceded her in death in 1986.

Bonnie was a lifelong Peoria resident. She worked at Kroger as a cashier for 26 years and then later for School District 150 for 15 years before retiring.