



Valentina Maria Burnett

February 22, 1954 - June 12, 2025

Valentina Maria Burnett, lovingly known as Tina, passed away peacefully at home in Tavares, Florida on June 12, 2025, at the age of 71. Born on February 22, 1954, at Story County Hospital in Nevada, Iowa, Tina lived a life filled with love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her family and friends.

Tina was the devoted wife of Steven Burnett, with whom she shared 53 beautiful years of marriage since June 1972. Together, they built a life in several cherished places including Nevada, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Winter Springs, Florida; and ultimately retired in Tavares, Florida.

She is survived by her loving family: her daughter Julie Knott (Nicholas) of Longwood, FL, and her son Kyle Burnett of Eustis, FL; her treasured grandchildren Kylee, Robby, Zane, and Brenna, who affectionately knew her as Nana; her sister Norine Carcopa and brother Dean Cerretti, both of Tavares, FL; and her aunt and uncle in Ames, Iowa. Tina also leaves behind several beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear lifelong friends — especially Nancy, Mary, Peggy, and Becky — who shared in her joys, supported her through life, and will miss her deeply.

Tina was preceded in death by her parents, Idano (Deno) Cerretti and Cecilia Hardy.

A dedicated professional, Tina retired in 2020 from AdventHealth Orlando, where she held a position in Asset Management. In retirement, she embraced the Florida lifestyle — gardening, caring for her pets, bird watching along the Tavares lakefront, and enjoying boat rides with friends and family. Above all,

she loved being with her family and sharing her time and warmth with those around her.

Once you met Tina, you were a friend for life. Her generosity, kindness, and open heart touched everyone she knew. She will be remembered always for the love she gave so freely and the joy she brought to so many lives.

Tribute Wall

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“ Every day I miss her more, we had so many great times together and so many giggles. She will forever be in my heart as well as her family. I'm glad God opened his arms to her-he knew all along that she was heaven bound. We'll see her again someday, until then-I can't think of a better friend and family to have spent so much time together. Cheers to you Tina, you left life long lessons with all of us and a lot of humor!

peggy kohl - May 20 at 11:13 PM

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“ LaVona Donica lit a candle in memory of
Valentina Maria Burnett



LaVona Donica - June 23, 2025 at 02:57 PM

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“ We are so very sorry about Tina's passing. The tee shirts you both wore with the number of years together says so much about the love you have for each other. May God look over Tina and your beloved family. Jim and Roseanne LaBarge

Roseanne LaBarge - June 23, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“ Tina was a guiding force. She was strong, determined, and soft and gentle all at the same time. I will always remember Tina’s laugh and her ability to laugh at everything. She seemed perpetually happy and the close to 35 years I knew her. I’m a believer that God puts certain people among us to make the world a brighter place, no matter how dark it may seem at times. I am also a believer that that was Tina’s purpose... To beat that bright light and that guiding force and to show undeniable love and compassion to everyone surrounding her.

There will never be another Tina, and she will be so greatly missed. I know that she is in heaven, laughing with the angels and watching over her beloved family.

Boo McKinnon - June 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

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“ What a beautiful person through and through. You were blessed to have found the perfect match for you Steve. I will keep you, Tina and your family in my prayers. ❤️ Always

Janine Purtee-Morrell - June 23, 2025 at 09:23 AM