



Remembering

Cammie King Conlon

August 5, 1934 – September 1, 2010

I first met Cammie King Conlon in 2005. I was star-struck and completely in awe of this beautiful woman who had stolen everyone's hearts in 1939 with her portrayal of "Bonnie Blue Butler" in *Gone With the Wind*. I had to pinch myself to be sure I wasn't dreaming and that "Bonnie" really was standing next to me in our museum. By day's end that November evening, I was just with my new friend Cammie. So casual, so easy to talk to, so genuine. Cammie would travel to Marietta twice more in her role as "Bonnie" and the fans new and old, would turn out each and every time to see her.

When I traveled to Cadiz, Ohio for my first visit to the Clark Gable Festival a year ago, Cammie was there also. It was like old home week and we were able to socialize more than ever and that time with her was wonderful. Cammie's book had just been released and I remember her walking up to Bob and me with a copy, saying, "here darling, this is for you." The sentiments were real and heartfelt and they, along with the small gift that once accompanied a beautiful card she sent my way, are the things I will cherish always. Only a week ago I received what would be my last emails from Cammie. She had kept me updated on "Change in the Wind" a documentary that she had participated in as narrator. Even email from Cammie was uplifting as she began each one with "My Precious Connie" or "Darling Connie" and I would always smile to myself as I could almost hear her saying the words as I read them. She was so special...a treasure really. All of us at this museum are better for having known her and we will miss her always. Our prayers and love go to her family at this very difficult time and we thank them for sharing this wonderful woman with us and with the world.

A service has been tentatively announced for next week in Mendocino but this has not been confirmed at this time. A second service has been confirmed in Los Angeles on September 22 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Brendan Catholic Church, 310 S. Van Ness. At the request of Matt Conlon, Cammie's son, a remembrance service will be held at the Marietta *Gone With the Wind* Museum following these two services. However, no date or time has yet been confirmed. Please check this website for updates.

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