

Bio of Nina Bonnie

Nina spent her youth commuting from farms on Westbury, Long Island and Upperville, Virginia starting at age 6, when her parents divorced and separated. Both parents were outdoor enthusiasts and horse lovers and Nina quickly took advantage of the countryside, spending hours with her pony, jumping fences and riding through the hills and dales of Long Island and Virginia.

Nina fell in love with Louisville native, Ned Bonnie, who was also a horse enthusiast and later in his career, became an expert on equine law with one of his most famous cases representing 1968 Kentucky Derby winner, Dancer's Image in a drug scandal.

Ned and Nina bought Stonelea Farm in Oldham County in 1962 where Nina started training and winning many eventing shows with her thoroughbred horses. She won national titles across the United States in eventing, including the National Horse Show in New York which is now held at the Kentucky Horse Park, and Champion at the Royal Winter Fair in Canada.

Nina was appointed Chair of the Kentucky Horse Commission by Gov. Collins in 1985 that organized the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation to support the Kentucky Horse Park.

Ned passed away in 2018. They have two sons, Shelby and Robert and 4 grandchildren. Nina continues to manage Stone Lea Farm and serve on several boards including the Oldham County History Center. Farmland conservation has been an important part of Nina's life and she continues to work on conservation issues.