



Connie Vernon

September 3, 1942 - April 21, 2013

Constance B “Connie” (Kollker) Vernon, age 70, of Evansville, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2013 at the VNA Charlier Hospice Center.

Connie had worked at the University of Evansville as the Director of the Intensive English Center & Special Projects until her retirement in May of 2006. She enjoyed developing programs for students from all over the world. Connie received her Bachelor Degree from Indiana University in 1964 and a Master’s Degree from the University of Evansville. She was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church. Connie enjoyed gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends and her favorite dog, Snoopy.

Surviving Connie are her husband of 24 years, Lee Vernon; five daughters (three of her own and two step daughters), Gretchen (Brian) Raben, Kimberly (Scott) Bonnell and Kelly Fritz plus two stepdaughters, Christine (Bryan) Sullivan and Laura Howard, all of Evansville; a sister, Patricia (Bob) John of Evansville; brother-in-law, James Ochs of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren, Tyler Raben, Emma Raben, Elizabeth Raben, Joseph Howard, Evan Bonnell, Lauren Raben, Ellsa Bonnell and Estelle Bonnell and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Jack, Sr. and Marie (Jennings)

Kollker; a sister, Carol Ochs and brother, Jack Kollker, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Phil Kreilein officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where a memorial service will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:30 A.M. until service time on Wednesday at Resurrection Church.

Connie's family extends a special thanks to Anthony Stephens, MD, Carol Brake, RN and all of the staff at Oncology Hematology Associates for their skilled and compassionate service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Lung Cancer Partnership or to Visiting Nurse Association Plus of Evansville

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

APR 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Vernon*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *To dear Kim and to all of your family,*

I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It feels like yesterday that we sat at her kitchen table and enjoyed stories of her and Mom's escapades. Mom has kept me up to date on her health, and all of you have been in my thoughts and nightly prayers - and will continue to be. I hope you each find peace in the knowledge that she no longer suffers and has simply paved the way to go where we all will eventually go in peace.

Much love and condolences, Miranda##imported-begin##Miranda Knapp Graham##imported-end##

April 25, 2013 at 01:51 PM



“ *Heaven became a more beautiful place on April 21, 2013. To say that Connie will be missed by all who knew and loved her is an understatement, to say that Connie was an amazing woman is an understatement, to say that Connie lived life to the fullest and fought cancer valiantly is an understatement. To say that we knew and loved Connie is a blessing. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all of Connie's family and friends. Heaven has indeed become a more beautiful place.##imported-begin##Mary Kay and Jerry Purcell##imported-end##*

April 24, 2013 at 07:33 PM



“ Dear Connie's Family, My condolences to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Connie helped me get started in teaching English at the Intensive English Center many moons ago. For over 20 years she was a mentor to me. She encouraged, supported, and guided me-- and her never-ending faith in my abilities meant more to me than words can express. Her laughter will forever be in my heart, and I wanted you to know what a difference she made in my life. I now own and operate my own private language school for adults (Lott English Academy) and I would not be where I am today without Connie. She was a light in my life and the lives of so very many. She will be dearly missed. My deepest sympathies to you.##imported-begin##Leslie Lott McAlpin##imported-end##

April 24, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ Gretchen:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. I knew and worked with Connie on behalf of the ESL community. She was such an innovator and passionate about her work and about life.
God Bless,
Mike and Sandy Madriaga##imported-begin##Sandra Madriaga##imported-end##

April 24, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ Our hearts go out to all of Connie's family. With sympathy, we will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.##imported-begin##Kristy & Steve Waugerman##imported-end##

April 23, 2013 at 07:43 PM



“ Connie was one of our classmates at Mater Dei, Class of 1960. She was classy lady and we grieve with her family. She will be missed, but not forgotten! May she rest in peace. Pax
Tecum, Connie!##imported-begin##Larry and Carolyn(Knapp)
Adams##imported-end##

April 23, 2013 at 06:35 PM



“ This world has let go of a true angel, and she takes a piece of our hearts with her. Connie had such a huge heart, and she welcomed so many people from around the world with her warm smile, her laugh, and the twinkle in her eye. She will be greatly missed by all of those who were fortunate enough to call her friend. She is truly one of the best people we have every been privileged to know. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. With love, Heidi and Danny##imported-begin##Heidi and Danny Gahan##imported-end##

April 23, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Connie's passing. She was a colleague who cared greatly about her students and the University of Evansville. I know she'll be remembered for her laugh and her great care for others.##imported-begin##Rhonda J. Hinkle##imported-end##

April 23, 2013 at 02:05 PM



“ *It was a big surprise and a sad news to hear that Connie passed away. When she was Director of IEC at University of Evansville, she helped me a lot and gave me a lot of advice. Even now I cannot believe she does not here. I am sure she is smiling in the next world as well. Connie, please take a good rest. I never forget you, never.*
Yuji Maekawa (HJU)##imported-begin##Yuji Maekawa##imported-end##

April 23, 2013 at 12:06 AM