



R. Joan Connell

November 1, 1939 - January 29, 2016

R. Joan Connell born November 1, 1939 passed away on January 29, 2016 from complications of rheumatoid arthritis. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Ruth (Markley) Aker; brothers, Donald and James; and sister, Jeanette. Joan is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Thomas Connell; 3 sons, Timothy (Jill), Chris (Diane), and Kevin; grandchildren, Eric, Michelle, Ben, Christopher, Carolyn, Jeffrey, Timothy, Katherine, Hannah, Priscilla, Mary, Gloria, Matthew, Norah, and William; great-grandchildren, Ben, Luke, Leighton, and Rylen. She was an active member of the Wadsworth Women's Club, an amazing oil and watercolor painter, Sunday school teacher, and active member of the Wadsworth United Methodist Church from 1961-2005. Family to celebrate Joan's life this Spring in Plymouth, Indiana. Day & Manofsky Funeral Service is honored to serve Joan's family.

Tribute Wall

“ Connell Family,

In the Connell house I was always treated like family. Mrs. Connell showed me kindness in all times even when Kevin and I didn't deserve it. She and Mr Connell took me up to their simple, magical cottage in the U.P. On my first trip Mrs. Connell was giddy with excitement to show me The Bridge and moments later was amazed by the forest fire that was between us and the cottage - the fire had even jumped the road. Eventually making it to the cabin Mrs Connell took care of her family/boys as it seemed she happily did all the time.

Mr and Mrs Connell adopted our college dog and again treated her like family. Mrs Connell feeding her toast with jelly! As a good friend of ours said "Bailey (dog) ate better at that time than we did." Very lucky dog to have found a home with Mrs Connell a special person who looked after others!

Mrs Connell always had a sweet smile but I had never heard her use a loud voice or get overly excited except when she watched her son Kevin run track. I can remember the first time I witnessed her cheering in a crowd with her small but very distinct voice. She was in the stands jumping up and down - well I'm not sure if her feet were leaving the ground but her body was moving, hands clapping, and using the loudest voice she had - the pride that she had in her son was moving and to this day I can visualize that moment like it occurred today.

I drive by your house on Tanglewood every so often remembering not only memories of Mrs Connell and childhood experiences but of loads of grandchildren sitting around the house - all with names on their cups. The house full of kindness and love. Thank you for including me in your family.

Mr Connell - I hope that we can see each other soon. Maybe on my next trip to Columbus we can watch a little OSU v Purdue basketball

together.

--Rod Loveless

Rod - February 14, 2016 at 07:32 PM

DR

“ *Dear Tom and Family,*

We were so saddened to see of Joan's passing. We remember her gentle way and her beautiful smile, always kind and patient. Even though we haven't been in touch in recent years you all remain in our hearts. We would love to catch up with you when you feel better. Call or email when you can.

Dave and Laura Robinson (Copley)

Dave Robinson - February 05, 2016 at 04:01 PM

BA

“ *Chris,*

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Arents

Altria co-worker from Richmond, VA

Bob Arents - February 05, 2016 at 11:58 AM

CC

“ *Two of mom's paintings hang on our walls in VA and my wife Diane is holding 2 water color paintings mom and her granddaughter Katherine painted on morning in 2000. Love and miss you mom and great art work! Chris*



Chris Connell - February 04, 2016 at 06:14 PM

TB

“ *Dear Mr. Connell, Tim, Chris and Kevin,
I am deeply sorry about the passing of your wife and mother this past week. Please know you are in my prayers and trust you'll find peace and strength through God's love to help deal with your loss and the days ahead.*

Saw the obituary in today's Columbus Dispatch, which section I never read, but skimmed names for some reason and my eyes fixated on "Connell".

Lord works in strange... no... awesome ways.

*Thinking of you and being flooded with memories from our High Point Dr / Tanglewood Trail days and growing up there.
Peace be with you!*

*Tim Butt
tim.d.butt@gmail.com*

Tim Butt - February 03, 2016 at 08:56 AM

CC

Thanks Tim, mom always loved all those Butt boys and of course Nancy and your mom and dad. Thanks for the message and all the memories. Chris

Chris Connell - February 04, 2016 at 06:05 PM

AS

Dear Tom, Chris, Tim and Kevin, Condolences from past friends in your old home town of Wadsworth. Lou and I were saddened to see Joan's obit in the Akron Beacon Journal on 2/3/16. Our heart goes out to all of you. We are sure many of your friends from the Wadsworth United Methodist Church will also be saddened by the news.

(A special note of condolence to Chris from your former Monsanto associates at the lab on Spring Side Drive in Akron---now owned by Eastman Chemical.) At our retiree breakfast yesterday, I informed those present about your mom's passing. Hope you and Diane are doing well at your location in VA. Lou and I still live here in Wadsworth at the east end of High Point Dr.---down the street from your old home.

*Love and warm regards,
Al & Lou Sullivan
absullivan@wadsnet.com*

Al Sullivan - February 05, 2016 at 04:30 PM

TC

“ *Some of Mom/Grandma's beautiful artwork.*



Tim & Jill Connell - February 02, 2016 at 12:24 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jill Connell - February 02, 2016 at 12:17 PM

CC

One of my favorite paintings of all time. Thanks mom, great work! Love you Chris

Chris Connell - February 04, 2016 at 05:55 PM