



Connie J. Arnold

December 9, 1952 - January 10, 2023

Connie J. Arnold, 70 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday evening, January 10, 2023, at River Terrace in Bluffton.

She was born on December 9, 1952, in Marshalltown, Iowa to Robert & Leora (Mann) McKibben. She graduated from BCIUW Community High School and Coe College in Iowa and worked as a Registered Nurse. After moving to Bluffton with her family, Connie worked at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic in the Pediatric, Dermatology and General Surgery Department as a nurse with Dr. George Babcock. Connie retired from the Allergy & Asthma Center in Fort Wayne in 2020, where her co-workers were considered close friends.

She loved being outdoors and could often be found working in her garden.

Connie always had a talent for sewing. When she learned about Project Linus in Fort Wayne and how they make handmade blankets for children in the hospital, she started sewing and her blankets have comforted many children over the years.

Connie was a passionate and loving mother. She made it a point to be present at all of her children's sporting events, helped with Dollars for Scholars, and in any way she could with their activities. She loved going to plays and musicals at the Fort Wayne Embassy.

Survivors include her mother, Leora of Iowa, and her children; Jeff A. Arnold of Greenwood and Jennifer (Justin) Caylor of Bluffton along with her grandson, Tyson Caylor. She is also survived by a brother, Ellis McKibben of Liscomb, Iowa, a sister-in-law, Kris McKibben of Albion, Iowa and two nephews; David

McKibben of Albion, Iowa and Matthew (Kelsey) McKibben of Marshalltown, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her father and a brother, Rich McKibben.

A celebration of life visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Monday, (Jan. 16, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Connie's name to the Wells County Library or to Project Linus in Fort Wayne and may be made through the funeral home.

Connie's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler Family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Calling With The Family

JAN **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie J. Arnold*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 16, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 16, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie J. Arnold.*



January 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry to hear this news! My heart is broken for Jeff and Jennifer and truly hope you can find comfort in the cherished memories you have of your sweet mom

Andrea - January 14, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie J. Arnold.



January 14, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie J. Arnold.



January 13, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Connie J. Arnold.



January 13, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Connie J. Arnold*.



January 13, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Connie and I were best friends in junior high. We wore white lipstick and talked about boys. She was so sweet and cute. Her parents were very strict and didnt approve of my church clothes. Connie was a bright light. I am devastated that she has passed.*

Kristy Hibbs Burr - January 12, 2023 at 07:52 PM

TS

“ *The Allergy and Asthma Center Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Connie J. Arnold.*



The Allergy and Asthma Center Staff - January 12, 2023 at 01:36 PM

GB

“ *I was sorry to learn of Connie’s passing. I admired her courage and determination in battling cancer for several years. It was a pleasure to work with her for many years in my Clinic office; she was an excellent nurse and office surgical assistant as well as a wonderful human being. I enjoyed hearing stories about Jeff and Jennifer as they were in high school during those years; it was easy to see how proud she was of them. My sympathy to Jeff, Jennifer, and other members of her family.*

George Babcock - January 11, 2023 at 11:24 PM

JJ

I also worked with Connie. She was a wonderful coworker. Sorry to hear of her passing.

Judy Johnson - January 12, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *Jeff and Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear about Connie's passing. I will surely miss her. Thoughts and prayers, Dolly*

Dolly Pike - January 11, 2023 at 11:46 AM