



Patricia L Conner

August 11, 2017 - August 11, 2017

Patricia L. Conner 90, of Bluffton passed away on Friday morning, August 11, 2017, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Pat was born on July 1, 1927 in Fort Wayne to Russell D. & Ruth V. (Henkel) Grove. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1945. She worked as a floral designer for the former Wabash Avenue Greenhouse for 22 years and co-owned & operated the Posy Pot Florist with Marijane Bossert for 10 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, where Pat was very active with the Helping Hands, Vacation Bible School where she was known as the "Cookie Lady" and served as an interpreter for the Smith family for Sunday morning services. She also volunteered with the Wells County Food Bank.

On March 9, 1947 in Bluffton, Pat and Kenneth D. Conner were married. He preceded her in death on January 23, 1991.

Survivors include her daughter Cheryl (Craig) Mann of Bluffton, along with six grandchildren: Jeff (Tonya) Thompson, Jami (Tim) Prough, Jennifer (Chris) Earhart, David (Denise) Conner, April Wimmer and Tim (Malisa) Conner along with 15 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Pat is also survived by a step-granddaughter Melissa (Nathan) Huss and 4 step-great-grandchildren and a sister Mary Ann (Charles) Stepp of Bluffton.

Pat is preceded in death by a son Michael Wayne Conner, a son-in-law William G. Thompson, a great-granddaughter Abigail Conner and a brother Richard F. Grove.

A service to celebrate Pat's life will be held at 10:30 on Tuesday (August 15, 2017) at the First Church of Christ. Jeff Lemler will officiate. Calling hours will take place on Monday (August 14, 2017) from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Pat's memory to the First Church of Christ.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

AUG 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ
909 W Spring St
Bluffton, IN

Service

AUG 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ
909 W Spring St
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia L Conner*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CD

“ *Pat was a wonderful lady and we will miss her. May God bless you family with peace, understanding, and many wonderful memories.*

Cindy and Jerry Dillon - August 18, 2017 at 03:28 PM

BC

“ *So very Sorry to hear about Pat she was such a Good Christian Woman! If anyone deserves Heaven it was Pat! I have known her since the early 60's when my twin brother and I would go to the flower shop where she worked! My Mom and her worked together for many years! Also enjoyed helping her at the Hospital when she came in! God Bess the Family at this time! Our Prayers are with u all! Love Barry and Joey Crosbie!*

Barry Crosbie - August 17, 2017 at 06:40 AM

NC

“ *There's so many things that are wonderful memories of my Aunt Pat but one of them was that no matter the time of day or evening, when we walked into her home... just after hugging us and telling us how good it was to see us, she headed to the kitchen asking 'what we wanted to drink', and saying 'I know I have some things in the refrigerator; let me get you something to eat'. Then she would march around the kitchen pulling out dishes, glasses, a cup for Dad to the never-ending pot of coffee; all the while asking us what we were doing in Bluffton and talking about Cheryl & Mike.*

When I was older, I would go in the kitchen with her and try to help. Aunt Pat would lightly smack my hands, give me her little sideways smirk and tell me 'she wasn't so old that she needed help yet'. That didn't stop me from doing that every time we visited and it didn't stop her from doing the same response... guess that was our little Auntie and Niece dance!

*Nola Conner
Austin, Texas*

Nola Conner - August 15, 2017 at 03:15 PM

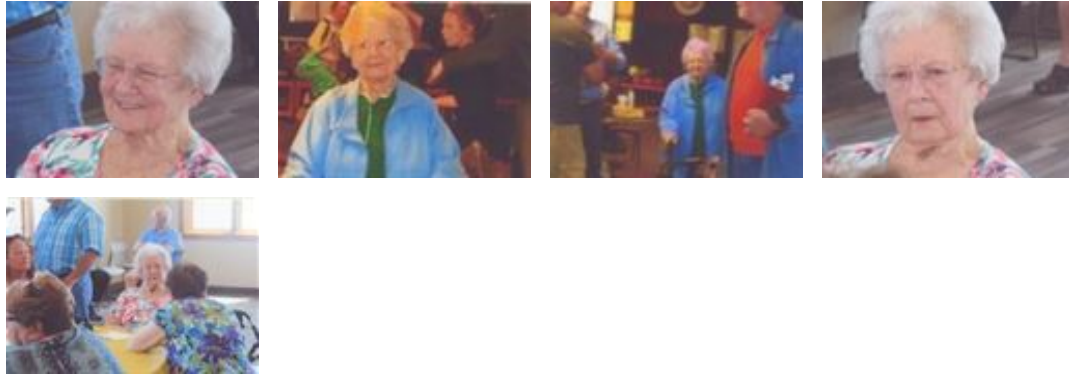
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“ *My sympathy goes out to all the family. Pat was a very nice lady always enjoyed talking to her.*

Charlotte Sawyer - August 14, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *77 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 13, 2017 at 12:24 PM

VJ

“ *Good memories of a delightful lady. We were proud of being "Grove" relatives. Wishing Cheryl and the family God's peace in the days ahead. Valerie Wilson Jackson and Doris Ann Miller Wilson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 12, 2017 at 02:16 PM

SM

“ *I loved this sweet lady.*

Suzanne Markley - August 11, 2017 at 08:27 PM

CS

“ *I have been blessed to have Pat in my life for over 10 years. She has been a blessing to have as a client and a friend! I will miss her and our weekly conversations greatly. Rest In Peace Sweet Pat!! Keeping her family in our Thoughts and prayers!*



Catina Small - August 11, 2017 at 06:43 PM

YF

“ *Your Deanfoods Family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Patricia L Conner.*



Your Deanfoods Family - August 11, 2017 at 04:29 PM