



Rolley "RJ" Conner

September 20, 1925 - September 22, 2016

Rolley "RJ" Conner, of Kansas City, KS, passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Care Haven Home in Overland Park, KS at the age of 91. RJ was born the son of Rolley Beecher and Vallie Parks (McGinnis) Conner on September 20, 1925 in Richmond, MO. He served in the United States Navy as a SEABEE during WWII in the South Pacific Theater. RJ was a Union Carpenter for 71 years and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for 56 years. Survivors include his two sons, David Conner and his wife Patti, Doug Conner; three daughters, Diane Kovich and her husband Pete, Debbie Hughes, Dana Conner; brother, Robert Conner; sister, Sally Allen; eight grandchildren, Casey Kovich, Kelly Thrasher, Kyle Kovich, Todd Conner, Allison Jaksa, Kelsey Hughes, Paige Conner, Camille Conner; four great-grandchildren, Olivia Conner, Joseph Jaksa, Jacob Jaksa, Julia Jaksa as well as a loving extended family. RJ is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife of 59 years, Alice M. (Forster) Conner; brothers, Donald, Tom; sisters, Val Marie, Frieda Ann; son-in-law, Mel Hughes. A visitation will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 5-8:00 PM with a Recital of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2646 S. 34th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Lenexa, KS. Memorial contributions can be made to Pets for Vets, P.O. Box 762, Lees Summit, MO 64063 and/or Our Lady of Unity Food Kitchen; 2910 Strong Ave., Kansas City, KS 66106. The family

would like to express their appreciation to Senior Care Homes, Care Haven Homes, KC Hospice and Dr. Kevin Mulhern for their compassion and care for RJ. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

Lenexa, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2646 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 677-1277

Rosary

SEP 25. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Catholic Mass

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rolley "RJ" Conner*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rolley "RJ" Conner*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Mr Conner and his wife Alice were so sweet to take on classes for teens once they left Sacred Heart and went to public schools. He was very patient with the youth even though we didn't deserve it. He was so good natured and was always laughing. We spent time at their house for the classes and when Alice sold jewelry years ago fund raising money for the church. Such a wonderful loving couple. They are enjoying each other again.*

Lauren McDowell - November 14, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ *Debbie & Kelsey,
I just wanted to send my prayers to you both and your family. I lived by you on Locust Ave. And met your dad at Sweet Life. I wish you both the very best.*

Sherri Bauer

Sherri Bauer - October 09, 2016 at 10:25 PM

SB

“ *Debbie and Kelsey,
I would like to send my sympathies and prayers to you both and the family. I was your neighbor on Locust. And met your dad while he was at Sweet Life. I wish you both the very best during this time. Take care and love to you both.*

Sherri Bauer

Sherri Bauer - October 09, 2016 at 12:19 AM

SO

“ *Dear One & All,*

Words are hard to come by at a time like this, but I do want to send my sympathies and prayers to you. I'm sure you know how much I loved your Dad and Grandpa. I will never forget all he did for me personally and for all the Sisters at Sacred Heart. I was blessed to be part of that extended family mentioned in his obituary. Your Mom and Dad welcomed me into your family upon my arrival, and always made me feel at home over the years. With all my family living at a distance, I was not able to see them often. But I always knew I had a home away from home. I hope you will continue to stay in touch with me. Know I will carry you in my heart and prayer.

Love, Sister Ann

Sister Ann Diettrich, OSB - September 27, 2016 at 03:38 PM

RR

“ *Dave, Patti, Todd, Al and all of the Conner Family,*

We are sorry to hear of the passing of RJ, but take comfort knowing that he and Alice are together again. RJ was a great guy and a great man, solid as a rock and a faithful, loving family man. We always enjoyed every time we were around RJ and Alice, and regret only that we did not have many more such opportunities. We will not be able to attend the services due to our own family circumstances, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Richard and Jo Roe

Richard and Jo Roe - September 25, 2016 at 01:41 PM

TC

“ *Tumaka Campillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Rolley "RJ" Conner*



Tumaka Campillo - September 25, 2016 at 01:53 AM

TC

“ *Rj was my friend at Senior Care Homes. So full of life .He always knew how to make you laugh with his unique sense of humor. Loved his Royals and a true Missouri fan even though I love the jayhawks.He was very smart even gave me advice on remodeling my home. Since he was great with his hands carpenter and all. I'll miss you buddy and that million dollar smile. Like you use to tell kid it's a pain getting old and I would reply but you make it look good. My condolences to the family .Thank you for sharing your father with me. Also all the many stories of joy your Dad brought all of you. Sincerely Tumaka*

Tumaka Campillo - September 25, 2016 at 01:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rolley "RJ" Conner.*



September 24, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ *I remember as a young boy playing and going to school with Rolley growing up in Richmond, Mo..many years ago. My condolences to the family..Joseph O. Swafford, Platte City, Mo.*

Joseph O. Swafford - September 24, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the Connor family from Margaret & Don Smith in St. Louis*

Margaret Smith - September 24, 2016 at 01:47 PM



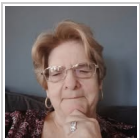
“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's and Grandpa's passing Diane and Kelsey! Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May he rest in peace. God bless, Jen Scanlon*

Jenny Scanlon - September 24, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. RJ was a wonderful neighbor. We lived across the street from him for a few years. Everyday he would come over to say hello to our dogs and bring them a treat. Sometimes he would bring an ice cream bar for our son. When my husband had open heart surgery he was right there to help with the yard work. We always said we had the greatest neighbors and were sad when we had to move. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Kimberly Hanna - September 24, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ Love and Special thoughts for your entire family. He was a very special person and will be missed by all who knew him. Bless you all. Sending our love and prayers. Alice I'm sure is elated he's with Her now. He really missed his "Best Friend" and now they're together for eternity.



Carolyn Crutchfield - September 23, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rolley "RJ" Conner.



September 23, 2016 at 08:58 PM