



James Earl Conner Jr.

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He causes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalm 23

James was born in Chicago IL to James Earl Conner, Sr. and Ellen (Ross) Conner on April 26, 1932. He attended Catholic grade and high school in Chicago, IL. After graduating high school, James enlisted in the United States Navy, November 26, 1951. He went through basic training in Chicago at Great Lakes Naval Academy, and served on the USS Rainier. He married Scottola (Hill) Conner on November 12, 1964 in Chicago IL.. He worked as a Marketing Administrator for IBM for almost 30 years and retired 1989. James was always a great 'handyman'. Before he retired, and as a hobby, he started doing woodworking. He honed his woodworking skills, purchased his Shopsmith, and over the years made several pieces that his family and friends still have today with his name engraved on all of his work.

Those that knew James, he was always the life of any party. With his quick wit and great sense of humor, family and friend gatherings were always fun and full of love. Even when he was ill, he still maintained that sense of humor and that beautiful smile and deep hearty laugh.

James is preceded in death by James Earl Conner, SR (1941), Ellen Conner (1962), Mildred (Elliott) Story (2011), David Carlton Elliott (2004), Mary (Conner) Wilson (2018), Charles Edward Conner (2008), Robert Conner (2015), Tracie Anne Conner (2011)..

James is survived by his loving wife of fifty-four years, Mrs.Scottola Conner, and his two children, Crystal J. Conner, Corey E Conner(Veronica Conner). Other survivors left to cherish his loving memory include, Jean M Conner, Mozena Durham , Linder Anderson (Jerome), Joyce Thrower, Luella Wilbon(Elye), and a host of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 20, 2019

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home & Cremations**
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

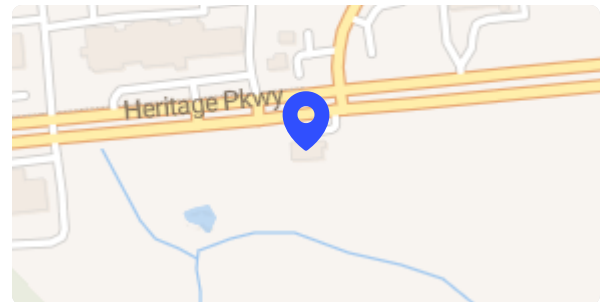


Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, April 20, 2019


 1:00 PM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home Prayer & Meditation Garden**
1556 Heritage Pkwy, Mansfield TX 76063

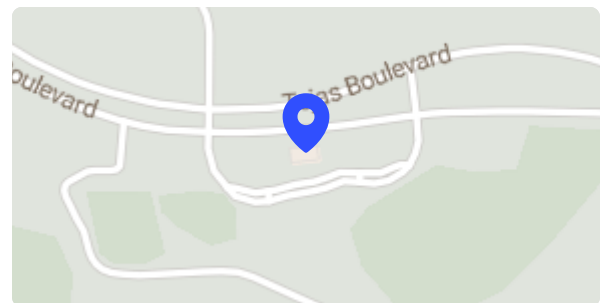


Burial

 **Thursday**, April 25, 2019

 12:30 PM CT

 **DFW National Cemetery**
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas TX 75211





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DL

Dollie Lucero posted:

Conner Family ~ I wanted to send my condolences for your great loss of your Husband, Father, Son, Uncle, and I am sure many other things each of you called him. I have always heard wonderful things about him through his Daughter-in-law Veronica. I was blessed to have met him at Veronica and Cory's wedding. I know this is a great loss for you all, and I just want to send my thoughts, prayers and love to you Cory, and the whole Conner family. May he rest in paradise. - Dollie Lucero

April 23 at 9:17 AM

JG

Julia Garcia posted:

Our condolences and prayers at this time, we were so sorry to hear about the passing of James, we were so fortunate to me him at the wedding of Corey and Veronica. We enjoyed the time with the family and getting to know everyone, he will truly be missed. Love and prayers. The Garcia Family

April 22 at 6:54 AM

HJ

Heather Johnson posted:

Conner family-I am so very sorry about your loss. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.Love,Heather Johnson and Lainey Johnson-Flores

April 20 at 12:21 PM

CM

Cyd Denardi Maravolo posted:

Jimmy Conner was the most fun guy at IBM to work with. His deep voice, his laugh, his memories of being a bus driver in Chicago, where I am also from. We kept up our friendship as long as possible, since he moved to Texas we just talked on the phone, but it was as if no time had passed... we were that close. I know that I will never forget his frienship and his love for his family. May he rest in peace.Cyd DeNardi MaravoloIBM - South Bend

April 20 at 8:25 AM



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Amy Flores posted:

Dear Conner Family, We're so saddened to hear about the loss of James. Our family enjoyed meeting him at Corey and Veronica's wedding and spending time together last summer in Phoenix. James was so kind, warm, funny and approachable to everyone. All of us loved getting to know him better. Please know we're keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Love- Jaime, Amy, Gabriel and Dom Flores

April 20 at 8:08 AM



Vmocca Conner sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Conner family.



April 20 at 7:30 AM



Devvan Vela posted:

My deepest sympathy to you Connor family in the passing of such a wonderful person. For the short time we have shared together and stories we have all passed along, James' memory will never be forgotten. Such a kind and caring man, an amazing father and and such a blessing as a new found friend. My love and prayers to you guys.

April 20 at 7:18 AM



Rosie And Matt posted:

Dear Conner family, may you find comfort in your memories of your loved one and knowing that he is with our maker. Corey, a big hug, I'm certain you made your pops really proud! Sending our love and prayers. Rosie and Matt

April 20 at 6:55 AM



Quincy Ellis posted:

To the Conner family: This breaks my heart. You were a wonderful man who was a great husband and father. It makes me happy Corey is exactly the way you are who takes care of us and makes his family proud and he wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you. I'm glad we had the chance to finally meet and spend time together but I wanted to spend more time with you and create more memories. I love you and the rest of the family and we know you'll be watching over us. Love, Quincy

April 20 at 6:35 AM



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RF

Rosie Flores posted:

The time that I knew you I enjoyed your company and the mirror fact that you were a sports fanatic, made me like you even better. Go Bears. & Cardinals. I wish we would have shared more moments but unfortunately its not up to us. I will always have fond memories we shared as a family. I will always think of you on Taco Tuesdays since I was the first one to make you the real deal. My condolences to the Conner. Rosie Flores and Sisters Ernie and Carlotta aka Golden Girls.

April 20 at 5:51 AM

PM

Pamela Maiden posted:

To the Conner Family:How will I say good bye to my Uncle James??!! A thought that I have struggled with since Crystal called to inform me that he had made his transition!!! The wake and funeral services are usually where this fare-de-well takes place. So here is how I will say good bye!!!My Uncle James was truly a TRIUMPHANT CHAMPION!!! Every endeavor that he engaged himself in he TRIUMPHED, and every thing that he touched he CHAMPIONED!!! His enlistment in the Navy: TRIUMPHED; his 30 years of service at IBM CHAMPIONED; his sense of humor, his carpentry, his woodworking and furniture making abilities and let us not leave out his wonderful cooking skills: TRIUMPHED AND CHAMPIONED!!!But having known him for almost 60 years now, the most important thing to Uncle James in my opinion, was his comradere with his close friends and family!!! His 54 years of marriage: TRIUMPHANT AND CHAMPIONED; His two wonderful children Crystal and Corey: TRIUMPHANT AND CHAMPIONED; His relationships with is daughter-in-law and his soon to be son-in-law: TRIUMPHANT AND CHAMPIONED; His relationships with all of his siblings, in-laws, nieces, nephews: TRIUMPHANT AND CHAMPIONED; the loving kindness, generosity, compassion and knowledge that Uncle James shared with us all: TRIUMPHANT AND CHAMPIONED!!!!Now someone might think or say that Uncle James' illness took him away from here!!! Not true!!! Every CHAMPION gets a rest because the CREATOR knows best!!! And once again, Uncle James is TRIUMPHANT!!!!I will meet you again Uncle James, in that place, where you are TRIUMPHANTLY awaiting; where you will have a new body in Christ, not marred with sickness or pain, and a new name in Glory; where there will be no more good byes but every day Howdy Howdy; and where, as CHAMPIONS do, I will put on my robe and tell the story of how I made it over!!!! Love You Uncle James and always will!!!! But we know: GOD LOVED YOU BEST!!!Humbly Submitted by Pamela A. Maiden

April 17 at 6:22 AM

RF

Rosie Flores April 20 at 6:12 AM

Beautiful tribute



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Vmocca Conner shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Favorite Father in Law is how I will forever remember Mr James Conner. I will miss him dearly. I always enjoyed our conversations, always amusing, great story teller and straight up. There is no holding back with you Dad. That's what I love about you and understand now where Corey got it from. I will forever remember our times together I just wish there were more memories to make but the times we shared made up for it all. I am so blessed you were able to see me and Corey make it official. I know you said FINALLY after 17 years of dating, you and Mom looked so beautiful that night. Now I see where my husband inherited his good looks. Dad, thank you for welcoming me into your family with open arms and sharing precious moments with our family. Your grandkids and great grandkids will always know of you and will forever be reminded of the Legacy you created in our lives. We love and miss you and know you are with our heavenly father and we always keep a part of you in our hearts. We will continue to carry on the Conner Legacy with pride as you have throughout the years. Remember I will always love you and keep you close, I know you will protect us from the heavens. Love your favorite daughter in law Veronica Conner



April 17 at 6:22 AM



Mark Stamper posted:

My name is Mark Stamper. I met Jim, when I got hired at IBM in South Bend in 1980. Here was this white guy from South Bend and a whole different age that I'm sure tested his patience at times. However, he really helped me and I so enjoyed his sage advice and great stories. His helping me with the basics set me up for a successful career, including a much later IBM Leadership Award. Jim had these great sayings, and I still use this one from back in the day from him -- "A raggedy ride beats a dressed up walk any day of the week." Since you all know him better than me, I'll bet you'll smile, saying that's Jim. I send my prayers that God will give you comfort during this time and find encouragement. That's a great picture of him.

April 19 at 12:10 PM



Crystal Conner April 19 at 6:16 PM

Thank you Mark. And yes dad said that very same quote to me several times. Thank you so much for the words of encouragement. They mean so much in this time of grief.



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Conner family.



April 19 at 6:43 AM



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Betty Brewster posted:

I was in South Bend. In with IBM in the late 80's and had the privilege to know James. He made me a bread box that has moved all over the country with me and is still in use...he will be remembered for years to come. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends.

April 19 at 4:25 AM



Crystal Conner April 19 at 4:45 AM

Thank you so much Mrs Brewster. We really appreciate it at this difficult time



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Conner family.



April 17 at 6:22 AM



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April 19 at 11:53 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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