



Johnnie Ray Conner

March 19, 1944 - February 9, 2021

My husband, Johnnie Ray Conner went to be with the Lord February 9, 2021, at Mobile Infirmary hospital, Mobile, Alabama. He died needlessly of complications due to Covid-19. Johnnie was a beloved and exceptional man. He was always a man of integrity. He loved his family so much. He was born in Vallejo, California and spent most of his childhood in Calumet City, Illinois. At 17 years of age he joined the U.S. Airforce and served for 4 years. He was stationed at March Airforce Base in California and he and was a proud Veteran who served his country in the Vietnam war. We met at his sister's (Barbara) wedding where we instantly felt a close bond that turned into a love we shared for nearly 57 years.

He left behind a wife, Patsy Ann Conner; two daughters: Tammy Rae Sims (Benny Sims) and Wendy Lee Michelle Russell (Carl Russell); one sister, Barbara Cleo Krivickas (Dan Krivickas); five grandchildren: Jesse Thomas Sims (Aliyah), Conner Joseph Sims (Hannah), Christian Michael Russell, Emily Anne Bybee (Parker Bybee) and Courtney Marie Jeffcoat (Dylan Jeffcoat); one great-grandchild: Adaline Marie Jeffcoat; many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his father, William Leroy Conner; Mother, Eleanor Rose Conner; his sister, Norma Lee Pezzani; and his nephew, David Krivickas. I know it was joyous reunion in Heaven.

From his daughters:

Daddy loved fishing, hunting, cooking, woodworking and was a devote

husband and father. He had the most infectious smile, quick wit and wisdom beyond his years. Daddy loved his wife more than life and the love they shared was a such a goal for his children, and anyone who witnessed their relationship, to attain. He enjoyed raising his children and taking them on trips throughout their lives, he was a loving father. He instilled in his daughters a strong work ethic and the importance of doing a job well, the value of integrity, and he taught them to always keep their word. We were the luckiest girls in the world to have him as our father.

Johnnie will be greatly missed by his entire family and countless friends who shared his life.

Johnnie wanted to be cremated and did not want a funeral. He would not want to expose anyone else to this horrible senseless disease.

Celebration of Life

Air Force Honor Guard Memorial Service for Johnnie Conner

September 4th, 2021

11 a.m.

Vernant Park Cemetery

10891 Vernant Park Church Road

Foley (Magnolia Springs), Alabama 36535

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat and family, first of all I want to say I'm so very sorry about John, my heart breaks for you all. I worked side by side with John in security since 2004 in Huntsville Al and everything that was said about him is so true. Yes, he so loved his family, Pat he would be on the phone with you (our desks were so close t/g) I could feel the love he had for you as he was having the conversation. He would share things about both of his beautiful daughters and grandchildren with me, he loved you all so very much. He would talk to me about his church; Pat, about your beautiful flowers and about his mother. We last spoke in 2019 when you guys moved to Foley, I tried to call him this morning to tell him about another co-worker Martie who passed away 2 Jun, last week, who worked with John and I, also my neighbor but couldnt reach him. I searched online all the funeral homes in Foley only to find this. I'm devastated!!! Truly a wonderful man who will be missed by all. Know you all will be in my prayers and our Lord says, He will give us beauty for ashes. I love you all. He always called me "Kid".

Julia Madagan

Julia Madagan - June 10, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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*Thank you so much Julia. John always enjoyed your friendship. He was so happy to talk to you the last time. Please keep in touch with me.
Patsy*

Patsy Conner - June 29, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Johnnie and pat were there for me whenever we were young I called them one day and they gave me a ride to the clinic with my sick child we have been friends since they were young myself and my husband met them one day in Nashville Tennessee many more memories i have met some first class people in my life and they are among them God i pray give pat and her family strength and courage for the coming days love Donna g*

Donna Goodrich - February 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Johnny was the best brother a girl could ever have. He and I had a wonderful relationship all our years. Dad died when we were young, 15,13,11. Mom did a wonderful job raising us, but it was wonderful to have each other to depend on also. He enlisted in the Air Force at 17, and served his country proudly for 4 years, during a very difficult time in our country and lives. He came home on leave to walk me down the aisle for Dan and my wedding. How proud I was to have him there. He and Patsy reconnected at our reception and were married the following April. Though we were distances apart over the years, we would get together as often as possible. We went through the loss of our sister, in 1968, and mom in 2015, and the loss of mine and Dan's son David, in 1999. We had each other to see us through. I will miss him so very much, but he is reunited with the family in our heavenly home. We will all be together again one day. "Till then "Kid", I'll always be older than you, like it or not." Love You, Barb*

Barbara Conner Krivickas - February 12, 2021 at 01:24 PM

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“ When I was little I remember going over to my uncle John's house and playing games the one that always sticks out that he beat me in lots of times was payday and he was also the one that taught me how to fish he tried to teach me to swim but that was something I never learned he forced me to ride my first roller coaster at Opryland now defunct he literally picked me up over his shoulder of course the years went by and we are all much older now and the times out to eat games of scrabble and dominoes boat rides i will not forget his nephew scotty porter known to most people these days as Greg porter he will be greatly missed he will always have a special place in my heart

Gregory porter - February 12, 2021 at 10:46 AM