



Constance "Connie" Curtis

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Constance "Connie" Mary Curtis, age 64, of Spring Lake passed away Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Trillium Woods Hospice House in Byron Center. She was born November 6, 1945 in Grand Rapids to Walter and Hilda (Hansen) Curtis.

Connie was an active member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes and was involved with the church's mentoring program and Mary's Circle, among many others. She had served on the board at United Way, American Red Cross, First Priority of the Lakeshore and spent time volunteering with a local reading program for kids. Connie was a real estate appraiser for Simmer Associates and had previously worked as an agent for Clyde Hendrick.

Connie is survived by 2 children, Curt (Sue) De Witt of Palatine, Illinois and Kristen (Andre) Gauri of Grand Rapids; 5 grandchildren: Kathryn, Maya, Geoffrey, Caroline, and Ella. She is also survived by 1 brother, Walter (Virginia) Curtis of Taylor, Texas, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother, Alan (Sarah) Curtis.

A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes with Rev. Daniel Duncan officiating. Visitation with Connie's family will be held 3-5 and 7-9 PM Wednesday at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Memorial contributions may be given to the United Methodist Church of the Dunes or the American Red Cross. Please share your memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com

The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



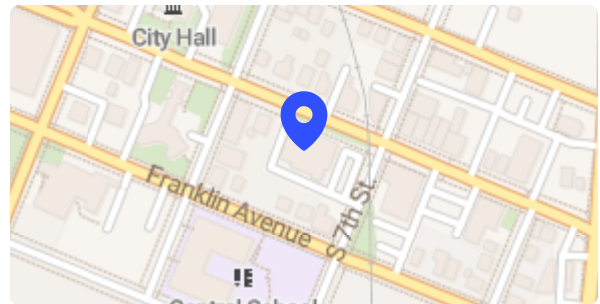
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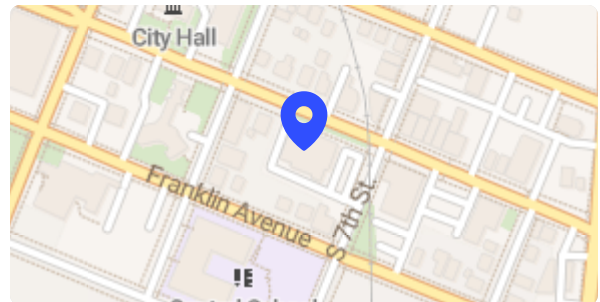
Visitation

- Wednesday**, January 27, 2010
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Grand Haven Chapel**
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI



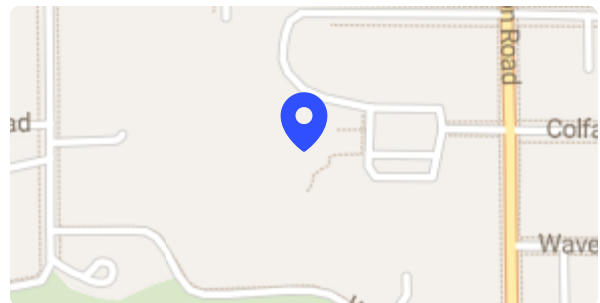
Visitation

- Wednesday**, January 27, 2010
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
- Grand Haven Chapel**
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI



Service

- Thursday**, January 28, 2010
- 11:00 AM ET
- United Methodist Church of the Dunes**
717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven MI





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Anonymous posted:

Kris,Andre and girls, We are so sorry for the loss of your mother/grandma. May special memories keep her close to your hearts.Tom, Barb and Alyson Cole###imported-begin###Barb Cole###imported-end###

January 31 at 2:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

Curt and Kristin,Dave and I lived next door to your mom for about five years, and she took us in like we were her own. Dave and I were newlyweds and naive, and your mom was always there to give us advice and tell us how it was. 8-) She took very good care of us, including letting us stay with her while our furnace was being replaced in the middle of the winter! She helped us as we had our first and second child, guiding us, teaching us, and laughing with us. When we moved from our condo, while we didn't get much opportunity to visit, she always felt like family to us. Over the years she told us many stories about the two of you and your kids and was so proud of all of you. We were so very blessed to have known Connie and to have her in our lives. We are better parents, and smarter adults because of your mom.With love and prayers,Michelle VanLangevelde###imported-begin###Dave and Michelle VanLangevelde###imported-end###

January 31 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heartfelt condolences to Connie's entire family. I knew Connie throughout school until I moved away after our junior year at Union. I remember - we rode our bikes all over, built camps in the woods, tried every candy at the neighborhood store, I made fun of her playing a drum all the way home,and we laughed and laughed. I am SO glad I was able to visit with Connie one last time at our 45th high school reunion last year. And, we laughed then, too! She will be missed a great deal by many many people.###imported-begin###Jane (Birgelaitis) Hartling###imported-end###

January 29 at 10:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

connie was a true professional and a pleasure to associate with. she fought a great fight and is now in hands of the almighty.THOM KNOLL###imported-begin###thom knoll###imported-end###

January 28 at 7:53 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Curt & Kirsten, I'm so sorry for your loss, this loss that we are all grieving. I'm going to miss Aunt Connie, there were some things we still had to do together. But I know how much she loved all of us, and that just because we can't physically see her doesn't mean she won't be there. Aunt Connie will always be in our hearts, and will be looking down on us from up above. Aunt Connie will make a beautiful angel, and I know she's in a better place now. You'll all be in my thoughts & prayers. Love you guys, Tori Curtis

January 27 at 5:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Curt and Kristen, I am so sorry for your loss. I will so miss Connie. I loved seeing her at the cottage. I will miss her sense of humor and how real she was. When things would get crazy at the cottage with the kids, I will miss how she always put things in perspective. You both had a wonderful, kind mother. I will also miss all of her stories. Please know you're in my prayers and thoughts.

January 27 at 4:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts & countless prayers are with all of Connie's family and friends. She was so proud of her children, & those beautiful grandchildren!! Such joy all of you brought to her, especially in her difficult times. I so loved her feisty spirit in contrast to my mother's, Diane (Sietsema) Koperski. Dear, longtime friends from middle school, 'one of the girls'! Connie introduced me to Kristen at the G.H. B&B during personal hardships that really brought them together. I pray to achieve the deep relationship they had as mother & daughter. We cannot possibly express our sincere compassion, & hope for this wonderful spirit to live on in our hearts. Forever missed - & forever remembered. An incredibly strong, magnificent friend, Mother, Grandmother, sister, & Christian to all. God bless you with our love & so many others witnessed here. Mike, Michelle, Matthew, Joseph, & Rosaleah Grace McGreevy

January 27 at 3:18 PM



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Anonymous posted:

While it has been a while since i last saw Connie, i will never forget all the fun we use to have in sunday school class at Valley Avenue Methodist Church with all the kids we went to school with. Connie will be missed by all that knew her. Prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Fran Hills##imported-end##

January 27 at 3:16 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Connie,Connie and I served on the Board at First Priority of the Lakeshore at the same time; I found her to be a very generous and thoughtful person with a vibrant faith in the Lord of Glory which she shared with us. I'm so sorry that you have lost your Mother and Grandmother at such a young age. She always spoke of her children and grandchildren with much love and appreciation. I wish you all the Peace of the Lord as you go on without her physical presence. Marge & Chuck Lembke##imported-begin##Margery Lembke##imported-end##

January 27 at 1:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kris and family,You are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. May your faith be a strength for you as you grieve your loss.##imported-begin##Debby and Chuck Worsfold##imported-end##

January 27 at 1:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our favorite letter from Connie described the time she crawled in the baby's crib to get away from Kurt & Kris while they peered in through the slats reveling at this latest in a long series of insane behavior. She will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Walt & Ginny Curtis##imported-end##

January 27 at 11:38 AM



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Anonymous posted:

To The Family of Connie;Our sincere condoence.I (Jim Jewell)grew up next door to Connie,on Bristol AVE.and went to high school with her.We have talked of many memories together.I am sorry I can not be there to say goodby.We will miss her and pray for her.Jim & Gladys##imported-begin##James & Gladys Jewell##imported-end##

January 26 at 3:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Connie as she volunteered on the board of First Priority of the Lakeshore in Grand Haven. What struck me most about her was her selfless heart and how very REAL she was. Her heart for seeing the kids of the Tri-Cities begin and maintain a relationship with Jesus was keenly evident. She was loved and will be missed.##imported-begin##Linda Luckey##imported-end##

January 26 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

Kristen - I was so sorry to hear that your mom passed away. I know that you were very close with her & advocated in her best interest the entire time that she was sick. I did get the chance to see her again after I came back from my maternity leave, I thought about you & your family often while I was away. Thinking of you, Britt##imported-begin##Britt Thompson ##imported-end##

January 26 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

Curtis Family,I am so sorry for your loss. Connie was a sweet person. She would come into my office at Spring Lake Township and brighten my office when I was having a bad day. I will miss her.Denise J North##imported-begin##Denise J North##imported-end##

January 26 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

I met Connie when she worked at Kendall School of Design. What a sweet funny person. We became friends and she kept me laughing.She loved her family. My deepest sympathy for the loss of such a giving person.##imported-begin##Jon McDonald##imported-end##

January 26 at 5:35 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with the family in the death of a dear friend Connie, she will be missed so much and did so much for her family and church. I wish I could be with all of you. We had such wonderful memories when she lived in Hixson.##imported-begin##Ann Hartman##imported-end##

January 25 at 7:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

My memories are the greatest. A true friend!!!! I will miss her so much but she has left an imprint on my heart that will always be there. If tears could a stairway and memories were a lane, we would climb right up to heaven and bring her home again. Love always.##imported-begin##Sally Knoll##imported-end##

January 25 at 5:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Connie's family. She was quite a person. I work at freedom village in Holland and also go to First United Methodist Church of Holland. I was Hilda's housekeeper for 5 years and remember what a good daughter Connie was to her mom.Now they are reunited.##imported-begin##Kim Bain##imported-end##

January 25 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are very sorry to hear the passing of Connie. She filled many places at the Church of the Dunes. I remember when she helped on the Trustees when I was chairman. She will be greatly missed by our church and her family.Our deepest sympathy.Virgil & Rose Umphrey455 Tivoli Park Dr.Davenport, FL 33897##imported-begin##Virgil & Rose Umphrey##imported-end##

January 25 at 4:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

Curt and Kristen, Beth let us know of Connie's passing and what a fight she put forth while she was alive. Now that the battle is over, we all know that she has more rewards of piece and no pain at this time. It is always difficult for those of us left behind, because of the void left in lives. May God Bless you and your family. Alan##imported-begin##Alan and Pat DeWitt##imported-end##

January 25 at 4:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Please know that we are thinking about you at this difficult time. Our thoughts are prayers are with you and your family. Molly & Robert Tholl
Family

January 25 at 3:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to all Connie's relatives and family, especially Kurt and Sue and Kristin and Family. Although I have not seen Connie much in recent years I always enjoyed talking with her and appreciated her genuine warmth and respect toward me. She truly made the world a better place and will be deeply missed.... Best regards to all, Maggie D.
Maggie Dannemiller (Jeff Bonner's Mom)

January 25 at 2:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

Curt, Kristen and families - Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your very special Mother. Connie was an inspiration to so many by the way she lived her life. We had such good times when we were together. I will forever remember her special love and kindness to my sister Sarah and our family. What a joyous reunion she must be having today with Alan, Sarah and family members in the presence of our Lord. God Bless and comfort you in the days ahead.
Martha Larimore

January 25 at 1:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

Connie was a lovely lady whom I had gotten to know through Carol Weller. May God bless you as you go through this difficult time!
Kathy Alles

January 25 at 11:35 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dearest Curt and Kristen and families, Know how deeply sorry we are for Connie's passing. She was a dear, sweet lady and we rejoice in knowing she is no longer in pain, but in the arms of our Lord. May this bring peace to you today and in the tough days ahead. God Bless Always, The Todd Stevens Family ♥##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Todd Stevens & Family##imported-end##

January 25 at 10:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Curt and Kristen and families. Oh how I loved talking to and seeing your mom. She was always so helpful and an inspiration. She fought her battle with cancer so courageously. Just know she was special and a great person to know over the years. I pray that the Lord bless both of you and your families as you deal with your loss. You were blessed to have her as your mother. My husband and I are in Florida for the winter so will not be able to get home for her funeral. Please know that we will remember you always in our prayers. God bless all of you. Marna Jeffery##imported-begin##Marna Jeffery##imported-end##

January 25 at 9:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Kristen & Curt, We loved your mom alot and will hold dear all the great times we had with one another. You are in our thoughts and prayers always. May God bless you. With Love##imported-begin##Ardella & Frank Holshoe##imported-end##

January 25 at 8:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Kristen and Curt: Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your wonderful Mom. I know you are aware how proud she was of you both. We are holding you and your families in prayer. May God Bless and Keep You as you travel this difficult road. Ron and Carol Kirchner##imported-begin##Carol Kirchner##imported-end##

January 25 at 7:16 AM



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Anonymous posted:

May God's peace and love be showered on Connie and her family. We worked with Connie for many years and she became a good friend in the process. She was a hard worker and her wit and sense of humor really helped brighten our lives. It was a pleasure to get to know her family also. She was a great Christian lady and we know she is resting in Jesus' tender care today.##imported-begin##Stan & Cathy Simmer##imported-end##

January 25 at 6:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

to the family of funny, articulate and good friend, Connie. We so appreciated all the updates you sent to everyone. We too will miss Connie but will see her laughing face in our good memories. She was so very proud of her children and loved you all so dearly. Blessings and comfort to all of you. Bruce and Kip Brunson##imported-begin##Kip and Bruce Brunson##imported-end##

January 25 at 5:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Curt & Kristen, Please accept my deepest sympathy, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am a friend of your Aunt Roma and met your mother over the past years on a number of occasions, she was a very lovely person. May all your wonderful memories help you through this very sad time. Joyce Baumgardner##imported-begin##Joyce Baumgardner##imported-end##

January 24 at 3:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Connie is now at peace. Bless her and her family.##imported-begin##Dianne and Curt Glupker##imported-end##

January 24 at 2:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Constance "Connie" by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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