



William L. Connors

September 21, 1929 - December 5, 2013

Connors, William L., Col., US Marine Corps (Ret).

Colonel William L. Connors, US Marine Corps (Retired), beloved husband of Joan Beattie Connors of Orange, Dec 5, 2013 died peacefully at home with his family. Colonel Connors was born in West Haven, CT Sept 21, 1929 and was raised in Orange. He was the son of Florence Buckholz Connors and R. George Connors. He enlisted in the Navy in 1948, went to Naval Flight School, and after graduation joined the Marines as a fighter pilot. He served in the Korean War in 1950. After 11 years of active duty, while remaining in the Marine Reserves, he used the GI Bill to attend college. Graduating in 1962, he began work as an engineer with Southern New England Telephone Company, where he worked until he retired in 1991. During his civilian life in Orange he coached Little League baseball, girls' softball, and basketball. He was a member of Holy Infant Church and American Legion Post 127. He was a founding member of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

Besides his wife of 58 years he is survived by his sister, Jeanne C. Dardis; sister-in-law Frances B. Shepherd; his beloved children Dr. Mary Connors Ashmore of Madison, Dr. Frances A. Connors of Tuscaloosa, AL, Anne F. Connors of Milford, William L. Connors, Jr. of Bethany, Jennifer Connors Antalik of Orange, and John R. Connors of New York, NY; sons-in-law Dr. James Hamilton, Dr. Keith Lawrence, and Michael Antalik; daughters-in-law Pia Connors and Kirche Zeile; grandchildren Gillian Lawrence, Doug Hamilton, Lucy Hamilton, Maeve Ashmore, Libby Antalik, Tim Antalik, Liam

Conners, Ethan Conners, and Elaria Conners; and many nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in Holy Infant Church in Orange on Thursday Dec 12 at 10:00 am. Friends are encouraged to go directly to the church. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven. Friends may call at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave. in Hamden on Wednesday Dec 11, 4 - 7 pm. In lieu of flowers please send memorial donations to The Parkinson's Research Foundation, 5969 Cattleridge Blvd Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34232 or The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 909 North Washington St Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 21433. The family would like to thank the Orange Visiting Nurse Association and Vitas Innovative Hospice Care for their care and kindness during this time. www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.
West Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Infant Church
450 Racebrook Rd.
Orange, CT

Tribute Wall

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“*Death of a loved one is never easy. May you find an abundance of comfort in your family, friends and especially the future blessings found in God's word. He has promised to swallow up death forever and reunite us with all who fall asleep in death. (Isaiah 25:8, John 5:28,29) As a God of love who cannot lie we can certainly trust all he says to come true. (1 John 4:8 & Titus 1:2) It is my hope that these words and the fond memories of your loved one sustain you through this most difficult time.*

D'Anita - February 05, 2014 at 09:15 AM

JS

“*Bill am sorry for your loss I always in joy talking to your father at the partys may he rest in peace, Give my regards to your mom sisters an brother. John Sehl.*

John Sehl - December 11, 2013 at 05:04 PM

 Beth
Rafter

“*I am so sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories from times we all spent together as kids. I am holding those memories and thoughts of you all today gently in my heart.*

Beth Buckholz Rafter

Beth Rafter - December 11, 2013 at 08:25 AM

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“ A great loss to Orange, his friends from SNET and the American Legion.
Bill and I "discussed" politics almost every noon when he finished his walk around New Haven. Lots of good memories. God bless you Bill.
Phil Grande Sr. & Vicki

Philip W. Grande - December 10, 2013 at 04:01 PM

JR

“ Joanie and Rich purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William L. Connors.



Joanie and Rich - December 10, 2013 at 03:56 PM

JV

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Connor's passing. My sincerest condolences to the Connors family.

James and Sara Vincent

James Vincent - December 08, 2013 at 07:41 PM



“ Kimberly Callahan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William L. Connors.



Kimberly Callahan - December 07, 2013 at 04:12 PM



“ I did not know Mr. Connors well, but I did have the opportunity of meeting him at one of our Annual Pasta Festa events in Orange a couple of years ago. He is one of the sweetest gentleman, so funny and was quite the flirt lol! I had the honor of arranging rides for him and Mrs. Connors on occasion to go to doctor appointments. What a lovely couple. Our drivers so loved transporting them. We will miss his sweet smile. We wish all the family the best during this sad time. Such a great family the Connors are. RIP Mr. Connors we at Orange Senior Center and Transportation will miss you. God Bless to the Connors/Antalik Family!



Kim Callahan & Family

Kimberly Callahan - December 07, 2013 at 04:02 PM

JS

Bill am sorry for your loss I always enjoy talking to your dad at all the partys. Give my regards to your mom an sisters an brother. John Sehl.

John Sehl - December 11, 2013 at 04:51 PM

JH

“ 4 files added to the album *Miscellaneous Family Photos*



Jim Hamilton - December 07, 2013 at 03:28 PM

JH

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Jim Hamilton - December 07, 2013 at 03:10 PM