



Connie J. Gentner

December 3, 1955 - October 9, 2017

Connie J. Gentner (Richard), 61, of Manitou Beach, passed into eternity October 9, 2017.

She was born December 3, 1955, in Adrian, to Barbara (Shaneour) and Charles "Bud" Richard.

Connie graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1975, and on October 10, 1975, married her high school sweetheart, Brian Gentner.

Connie loved children and observing their development. Her passion turned her towards teaching in early childhood where she was certified through CMTE of NY. Connie owned daycares in her homes and later taught at Montessori Children's House of Adrian, Jack & Jill Learning Center and Annie's Children Center of Ann Arbor. She enjoyed not only working with children, but the parents too. She had a special relationship with the staff which made going to work fun and purposeful.

She is survived by her husband, Brian J. Gentner, children, Breanne M. Gentner of Phoenix, Sarah R. O'Neill (Gentner) & Scott of Chicago and Erika L. Gentner of St Joseph; and her grandson, Bryson Charles O'Neill, her bright shining star. Also surviving are her parents, Charles "Bud" R. Richard & Diane of Manitou Beach; brothers, Keith C. Richard & Tracy of Adrian, John Morey of Manitou Beach, Jeff Morey & Lisa of Jackson; sister, Jen & Josh Baker of Okemos; and many treasured nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Shaneour Richard Sanborn. A special thank you to her prayer team and angels on earth. Connie looks forward to seeing each

and every one of her family and friends at the Tree of Life!

A Celebration of Life gathering will take place from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, October 15, 2017, at Lenawee Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Connie are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lenawee Country Club
4110 Country Club Road
Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Connie J. Gentner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We were friends at Lincoln Elementary School. She introduced me to Patsy Cline music. We sure had pure, innocent fun. We would go skating together and have overnights too. So sorry to see this. I also knew her husband, Brian, from bowling and school. Prayers to her family. Delores (Sharp) Jardine.*

Dori Jardine - October 25, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *Brian & Family,
We would like to send our condolences to you during this difficult time in your lives. Connie will really be missed by all of us as we always enjoyed the times we would see you to talk & share things about our families. May God bless all of you as we will remember you in our prayers.*

Duane & Marge Allen - October 17, 2017 at 09:41 AM




“ *SO very sorry to hear of Connie's passing. A beautiful woman, gone to soon. May she RIP, and her memory live on in the hearts of all, and be of comfort in the days moving forward. God bless! Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. God bless!*



Darlene Morris (Garry) - October 16, 2017 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ *Special memories~remembering all the fun we had had growing up from dolls to sunny beaches~heaven has a beautiful angel..Love, Cheri..* 

Cheryl Wolcott - October 15, 2017 at 07:25 PM

JM

“ *Connie will always be a shining light in my life. My beautiful cousin. My heart is with you Brian, Breanne, Sarah, Erika, Bryson, and Uncle Bud.*

Julie Morton - October 14, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.*



October 13, 2017 at 05:33 PM

 Molly Saxton

“ *Dear Gentner Girls, I'm so sorry I cannot be here for your Mother's passing! Im prayers and blessing are with you and your family. Your Mother was a Beautiful woman inside and out and i always enjoyed our times together. I'll never forget her! Love to you all!*
Molly



Molly Saxton - October 13, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.



October 13, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Connie's passing. I surely enjoyed getting to know her and your girls when she was at L.C.S. Working with me. Praying for the family. Mrs. Marowelli.

Linda Marowelli - October 12, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ Songer Services purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Connie J. Gentner.



Songer Services - October 12, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.



October 12, 2017 at 01:51 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.* ”



October 12, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Brian. Joe, Joel, and Cheryl Ballor.* ”

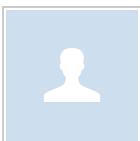
Joel Ballor - October 12, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ *Deepest Sympathy, Angela (Marr) Overcash purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Connie J. Gentner.* ”



Deepest Sympathy, Angela (Marr) Overcash - October 11, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.* ”



October 11, 2017 at 12:36 PM

AA

“*Connie was a wonderful person and had such a positive impact on the kids she taught. My girls gained so much in the time they had with her at Annie’s. I will be forever thankful for the lasting impression she made. I am sorry for friends and family to lose Connie too soon.*

Andrea Ayotte - October 10, 2017 at 11:19 PM

LS

“*I once heard a saying that I feel works here....Don't cry because its over, smile because it happened. I will always cherish the times we spent together in high school, they will make me smile every time. She is and always will be remembered as my friend. Thinking of you Brian and blessings to you and your family at this difficult time.*

Leslie (Arbaugh) Salazar

Leslie Salazar - October 10, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.*



October 10, 2017 at 02:00 PM

AD

“ *Alaina & Mike DeBona purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Connie J. Gentner.*



Alaina & Mike DeBona - October 10, 2017 at 12:45 PM

FP

“ *From your friends at BDT Capital Partners purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Connie J. Gentner.*



From your friends at BDT Capital Partners - October 10, 2017 at 12:14 PM

SF

“ *I remember Connie from the days when she was a neighbor to my son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Cathie Lewis when they lived by Adrian College. She always was so friendly and cheerful, a real joy to be around. Our condolences go out to the family, she is gone way to soon. She will be greatly missed by everyone.*
Steve and Shirley French

Shirley French - October 10, 2017 at 09:57 AM

SM

“ Brian and family, As I read this it brought back so many good memories! Connie was such a wonderful person! I loved chatting with her at the LCS door. She loved my kids and everyone! Stay close to Him in your loss journey, His strength is there for each of you. Love,
Susie Mansfield

Susie Mansfield - October 10, 2017 at 07:21 AM

CH

“ My first memory was her watching my sister and I at their house in Blissfield. I was in elementary school back then. My sister and her daughter are best of friends. Every time our families were together I just remember her laughter and smiling. She will be missed for sure. Heaven just gained a great soul this week.
-Christopher H.

Christopher Hatch - October 09, 2017 at 09:55 PM

Tim
Krzys

“ I always enjoyed having Connie in a class. She had an enthusiasm for life and a gift inside for living and sharing life. I met her dad several times at The Pub and we chatted, and his eyes always sparkled when Connie was mentioned. I still vividly recall some of our chats decades ago. I thought I wanted to one day be a proud father like that too.



I didn't know Connie after high school, but from what I know, she had much love and kindness to share with others, just like a nurse, my field. While she leaves a huge hole in this life, that hole will fill with her shining light because she touched so many people in this life, and their light shines brighter because of Connie's influence.

God Bless you Connie! You made a difference, and we can't ask for better than that.

Rest in Peace. I will catch up to you at the big reunion in heaven.

Tim Krzys

Tim Krzys - October 09, 2017 at 09:04 PM

NL

“ Dear Gentner and Richard Family. Connie has been a precious jewel to all who knew her and certainly to me and my family. I adored her as my friend starting as a baby on Sand Creek Highway. She was my big sister and i loved her so much! The very best of God's gifts to us.

Nancy Lewis-Dermyer - October 09, 2017 at 08:46 PM

SG

What a shock ! Connie was such a sweet person. She was a treasure and a blessing to all who knew her. Brian you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love you ! Sally Gonzalez Gomez

Sally Gonzalez Gomez - October 10, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Connie J. Gentner.*



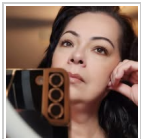
October 09, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *Miss Connie, you have touched so many lives in the years that I have had the honor of calling you friend. From the babies you would smile to, to the children you taught each day, to the young teachers who looked up to you. I know many of us have can truthfully say that our lives have been enriched by Miss Connie. I'm grateful for the times last week to see you smile and giggle as well as pray together.*

We Love You Miss Connie!!!

Anne Winter - October 09, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Connie at Annie's Children's Center. She was the most caring and loving human being. The love she had for the children was genuine and profound. Everytime I spoke with her she always made me feel at peace. She will be missed but I know she is an Angel watching over her loved ones.* ❤️



- Mrs.Diane Vitatoe

Diana Vitatoe - October 09, 2017 at 06:18 PM



Meredith
Ridge

“ *Sending my condolences to your family Erika. I have been praying for your family and thinking of you always. We love you and are here to help support you.*

Meredith Ridge - October 09, 2017 at 05:40 PM

CD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Connie had the loveliest smile and gentle soul. She will be missed by so many. Keith and Connie Dersham*

Connie Dersham - October 09, 2017 at 05:28 PM