



## Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge

October 7, 1936 - January 1, 2025

JACKSON- Major Constance "Connie" Bridge, 88, of Jackson, Michigan, formerly of Tecumseh, was promoted to Glory at 6:40am Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

She was known as a trailblazer, spending her life in service to others. Connie served for 35 years as a Salvation Army Officer. She provided leadership in the communities she served with a giving heart but was also tough as nails. Connie picked her battles carefully, but fought fiercely for what she believed in.

Connie was born October 7, 1936, in Helena, Montana to Brigadiers William and Bertha Murtaugh. She was commissioned from The Salvation Army School for Officers' Training in Suffern, New York, where she met her former husband, Melvin Bridge. Together they served in the Salvation Army Eastern Territory. She left the Salvation Army for several years before being reinstated in the Central Territory, serving in numerous appointments throughout the Midwest. In 2001, she retired to Tecumseh, Michigan.

Connie was preceded in death by her oldest son Daniel of Tecumseh, who passed in 2019. She is survived by her son George of Somerset, Michigan, son John of Hillsborough, North Carolina and daughter Catherine of Mulvane, Kansas. She also leaves behind five grandchildren (Christine, Ashley, Danny,

Bryan and Faith) and one great-grandson, Declan.

She touched many lives, with countless others who called her “mom.” Among others, these include Ron Arnold of Belleville and Bu Yu of Ypsilanti.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Captains Laura and Curtis Lunnam officiating. Burial will take place on Friday, January 10, 2025, with a 11:00 graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
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## Graveside Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
3607 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, OH 44109

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - January 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PD

“ *Connie you will forever hold a place in my heart. You and Melvin were stationed in Milford, Ma with The Salvation Army in early 60's. You backed me in 1962 to become a Salvation Army Cadet at the old Training College in Bronx, NY. You also became very close to my parents and were both pregnant at the same time. My mother delivered the end of October 62 and you a short time later. What a blessing it has been to get to know you all over again through the medium of FB. Rest in peace dear friend. Fly with the Angels!* ❤️🙏🕯️

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**Patricia Daly** - January 10, 2025 at 03:08 PM

AF

“ *Major Connie Bridge you will forever hold a special place in my heart!! She will be missed here on earth but she is walking the streets of gold in heaven now. May she now rest in peace.*

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**Amy Farmer** - January 09, 2025 at 03:03 PM

LH

“ Connie was my “piano buddy” at The Grand. We both enjoyed playing the piano and singing. She was such a good friend for me and my dad. I will play for her honor today as we meet for our singing gathering at the same time as her funeral. RIP, my friend.  
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Laurie Hildreth - January 09, 2025 at 09:41 AM

YS

“ Your friends at U of M General Surgery. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.



Your friends at U of M General Surgery. - January 08, 2025 at 08:44 AM

GI

“ I've known Connie, a very longtime, with her daughter. She (Connie) was a very special lady, who always loved both The Salvation Army and her family. My prayers/condolences are going out to her family.



Gary Richard Collins II - January 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM

WM

“ With love, Sue and Danni Murtaugh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.



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**With love, Sue and Danni Murtaugh** - January 07, 2025 at 02:06 PM

CJ

“ What a beautiful and loving person I found in Major Connie. I met her at the Central Territory Headquarters.

*Praying her children will be flooded with precious memories of her in the days and years to come.*

*Captain Linda Faye Jones*

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**Captain Linda Faye Jones** - January 07, 2025 at 10:36 AM

TD

“ My condolences to you John Bridge and your family on your lost. She is in God hands now. Where we all wish to be. A long time friend Thomas "PUDDIN" Downs Greenville, S.C. task force retired

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**Thomas Downs** - January 04, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.



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January 03, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.

January 03, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ From Jay and Laura Ward purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.



From Jay and Laura Ward - January 03, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ From Jay and Laura Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major Constance "Connie" A. Bridge.

From Jay and Laura Ward - January 03, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ Major Bridge was such an amazing, genuine, caring, & inspiring person. She made the world a brighter place, a more hopeful, and positive place. Through her spreading the word she saved so many people. I am so thankful to have known her & am incredibly thankful for her being a part of me and my family's lives. Much love and prayers from the Ward family.

Jay Ward - January 03, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences. We loved Connie.*  
*Steve Ward*

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**Steve Ward** - January 03, 2025 at 06:13 PM