



Cornelia "Connie" Anne Burrill

May 31, 1928 - December 15, 2023

Cornelia "Connie" Anne Burrill, age 95, of Dassel, died Friday, December 15, 2023, at the Lakeside Generations in Dassel. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Litchfield with Rev. Kerri Meyer officiating. Interment of the urn will be held at the Hawley Cemetery on a later date.

There will be a time to gather and celebrate her life one-hour prior to the service at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Litchfield.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the memorial service arrangements.

Cornelia "Connie" Anne Burrill, the daughter of Henry Longley and Anne Warren (Bullock) Burrill was born on May 31, 1928, in Hawley, Minnesota. Connie was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith and was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Litchfield.

Connie grew up in the Hawley area and graduated from Ada High School in 1946. She then attended the University of Minnesota School of Physical Therapy in Minneapolis and obtained her B.S. degree in 1950. Early in her career, Connie provided care and physical therapy services at residential pediatric facilities in South Dakota and Minnesota. In 1956, Connie returned to

her educational roots at the U of MN and was employed as a Physical Therapist in their Children's Rehabilitation Center and was a clinical instructor at the School of Physical Therapy. Connie retired from the U of MN in 1985, and moved to Lake Washington and lived with her sister, Harriette. Connie was the first pediatric physical therapist employed at Meeker & Wright Special Education Cooperative until 1989.

Over her years of service and dedication to the physical therapy profession, Connie was instrumental in improving the lives of hundreds of children and their families. Her care and love extended beyond the treatment room, as she quickly became a beloved friend of the families she worked with.

Connie loved to sew, knit, and bake to share with others. She loved her church and faithfully served others and the community in many ways. Connie had a strong circle of many dear friends who she held close to her heart.

She is survived by her seven nieces and nephews and extended family and a host of devoted friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Longley and Anne Warren (Bullock) Burrill, brother, Charles E. Burrill, sister-in-law, Catherine M. (Toner) Burrill, sisters, Harriette Burrill, Pamela 'Pam' Burrill and a niece, Constance A. Burrill.

Cemetery Details

Hawley Cemetery

Hawley, MN

Previous Events

Time of Fellowship

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Episcopal Church
3 E 4th St
Litchfield, MN 55355

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ *louise D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Cornelia "Connie" Anne Burrill.*



louise D. - January 15, 2024 at 08:01 PM

JG

“ *Connie was my clinical instructor in '68 and rotation supervisor in '69. In '71 I started working for her at Children's Rehab. Time shared grew into a life long friendship. Connie was bright, passionate about her profession, a creative perfectionist in her fabric arts, funny and fun...but, mostly open-hearted. She drew everyone in--not just her patients but their entire families, her staff with birthday cakes and baby showers and rides to chemo and shoulders to cry on. Any and every child got mittens and sweaters and smocked dresses. She so thoroughly adopted foreign therapists that 50 years later they were still crossing the Atlantic to visit. Connie's gift was that she always knew when someone was in need and she answered that need with her whole heart. I miss driving out to Dassel to sit by the 'lake window' and talk for six hours. Every time I see an owl, I'll smile at you, Connie. Rest in blessed peace. You earned it.*

Joan Wocken Gordon

Joan Gordon - January 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM

LD

“ Connie and I met at U of M Children's Rehab where I worked as a nurse on the Children's floor. We have been friends for over 50 years. We worked together, played together and traveled together. She was a wonderful companion and friend. I treasure the many beautiful things she created knitting, sewing etc. I miss her and am grateful for many precious memories. Love you Connie!!

Louise davidson - December 31, 2023 at 01:58 PM

KL

“ Connie was my supervisor when I did my rotation in pediatric PT at the University of Minnesota way back in the early 70's. I learned so much from her. I was forever grateful when I moved to Crookston for a few years and was responsible for treating patients of all ages. She was a supportive mentor and a good friend to so many of us.
Karen PrahL Lamecker

Karen PrahL Lamecker - December 29, 2023 at 08:36 PM

SW

“ Connie Burrill (and her sister Harriet) were friends of my parents since their childhood in Hawley, MN. Connie's sense of humor was legendary. So very sad to lose her. She was the last touchstone to that remarkable generation.
Sara Wastvedt

Sara Wastvedt - December 29, 2023 at 08:18 PM

KA

“ My mother, Edna Burrill Hein (Skeex), was Connie's cousin, childhood Hawley playmate, and good friend throughout her life. I last saw Connie at a "cousin lunch" when my mother & I visited Minnesota in 2015. It was a joy for them to be together. Connie was the last of a wonderful generation.

Karen - December 29, 2023 at 07:13 PM

ST

“ *In the past couple of years, I have only seen Connie once a year for her wonderful birthday parties. Prior to that, I was able to join her on the patio and also through the window during COVID period - most notably on Christmas day of 2020. I was always amazed at how sharp she was and recognized me each time. Probably more to the fact that our dog Montana joined on the visits who Connie at the end would indicate the dog being hers.*

As I also live on same street on Lake Washington as Connie, that is how we met. I always enjoyed the monthly meals at the Dassel Rod and Gun Club with Connie. During these meals that had a raffle draw where I could swear Connie won more than her fair share of prizes.

RIP Connie.

Steve Grotbo

Steve - December 27, 2023 at 11:28 AM

DT

“ *Connie was my "aunt" by extension. She and Harriet were visitors to my home when they were more able and I'd see and visit with them on most holiday family gatherings with the Burrills. She was the first to talk of her love for the University of MN, her profession and the children she served , and of course shared many family stories. She knew I was a baker so gifted me with nothing other than an owl apron she had made. Forever in my memories. Don*

Don Taylor - December 21, 2023 at 04:20 PM

KR

“ *She loved owls, to see an owl that close from the Raptor Center is a wonderful memory of her I won't ever forget. Her friend Joyce brought so much joy with her many visits.*

Kristie - December 19, 2023 at 03:52 PM

CB

“ *My Aunt Connie was the last of her generation. I will miss her, yet keep all the good times we spent together in my heart. I would drive to her house and we'd garden together, go to lunch, and sometimes just sit down by the lake in what she and my Grandparents would call the summer house and just visit. Rest in peace Aunt Connie*
Chuck Burrill

Charles Burrill - December 19, 2023 at 08:51 AM