



Connie D. Abert

December 18, 1952 - May 4, 2022

Connie Doris Abert was born December 18, 1952 in Red Bud, Illinois. She lived with her family, first in Valmeyer, IL, then Marion, IL, St. Ann, MO and Pocahontas, IL. She graduated from Highland High School in 1971. Connie attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Education in 1975. She continued her education at Texas Tech University receiving a Master's of Science in Education in 1976. She married James Abert on December 26, 1976 at the United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Connie and James made their first home in St. Louis County. In 1984 they moved to Decatur, IL and Connie worked for the Dove Women's Shelter, starting her career in the field of social services. During this time, Connie and James had three children, Megan, Aaron and Morgan.

They moved to Waupaca, Wisconsin where they lived from 1990 to 2015, before moving to their current home in St. Louis, MO. In Waupaca, Connie worked as a tutor coordinator for the Waupaca School District, and then as the Youth Development Educator for the University of Wisconsin Extension. In her job, she developed and worked on many innovative programs for all the school districts in Waupaca County to teach youth and enhance learning opportunities.

Upon her retirement after 20 years of service from the University of Wisconsin Extension, she was awarded a certificate from the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors. This recognized her valuable service to the citizens of Waupaca stating that “She was an innovator of a variety of community youth initiatives and paved the way to help others find success.”

Connie will be remembered for her many contributions and community involvement, through the UW Extension Office. In honor and recognition of Connie’s involvement and contributions to the community, the Connie Abert Amphitheater in the Waupaca Eco-Park, is named in her honor. She was well known and loved in the Waupaca area for her tireless energy, positive outlook and joyful spirit.

Connie was recognized for her efforts in Environmental Education as well as successful youth programs in 4-H Youth Development. In 2007, she was honored with a UW-Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement.

Connie led an active life; enjoying many outdoor activities including gardening, horseback riding, downhill skiing, boating, camping, fishing and hiking. In particular she loved to spend time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She cherished her time traveling to see family and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Maggie and Herman Louer, of Highland, IL.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jim Abert; her children Megan (Chris) Keuss, St. Louis, MO; Aaron (Becky) Abert, Spring Lake, MI; Morgan (Adam) Peters, St. Louis, MO; three Grandchildren, Alex Keuss, Charlotte Keuss and Matthew Keuss all of St. Louis, MO; a brother and sister-in-law, Craig and Jane Louer of Edwardsville, IL; her Uncle Raymond Rippelmeyer

and Aunt Doris (Robert) Rippelmeyer, both of Waterloo, IL; and numerous beloved nephews and cousins.

The family asks only for your remembrances and love of Connie. Any contributions received will be donated to the James and Connie Abert Future Fund at the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region or charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

Valmeyer, IL

Tribute Wall

DW


“ I have thought so often of Connie's many kindnesses -- and your whole family's kindnesses -- to my mom and my sister Barbara as Heather Lane neighbors, and to our whole family. We're thinking of all the Aberts in this time of loss and know you will be taking good care of one another. Deb Wiese and Tudi Haasl, Port Townsend, WA

Deb Wiese - May 22, 2022 at 06:20 PM

JS

“ We are saddened to learn of Connie's passing. She was a very special person. May grief give way to happy memories, sooner rather than later. John & Maryann Snider

John & Maryann Snider - May 13, 2022 at 11:14 AM

 Amy
Schroepefer
Goerlinger

“ I was so fortunate to have worked with Connie through UW Extension and the Waupaca County Teen Court Program. Connie excelled as a mentor and I learned so much from her. Connie mastered the art of listening and you could feel that she truly wanted to hear you. Not only was she great in her professional career, she had a beautiful soul. May all of the wonderful memories of Connie help to carry her family and friends through.

Amy Schroepefer Goerlinger - May 13, 2022 at 09:53 AM

NM

“ It is with sadness to learn of Connie's death. She was a very special educator with Un - Madison-Division of Extension in Waupaca Co. Her caring ways for others, young and older, will always be cherished. May she rest in peace " Good Faithful Servant--Job Well Done" Nyla (Bock) Musser, Retired Family Living Educator, Jackson Co. WI

Nyla Musser - May 10, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JA

“ Connie was such an amazing woman and a fantastic Aunt. We will miss her terribly.



Jared Abert - May 09, 2022 at 03:33 PM

PC

“ Connie was such a special soul. I am so blessed that I was able to get to know her and I cared for her deeply. I am so sorry to her family and friends for this tremendous loss. Rest in Peace Connie 💜



pamela Campbell - May 09, 2022 at 12:12 AM

LS

“*Connie touched my life in a way in the last 2 years that I can't find the words to explain. I haven't stopped crying since I found out of her passing. She and I often connected through our experiences as educators. I look up to Connie and all that she stood for and always looked forward to seeing her and spending time with her. I was blessed to have had her in my life and I will not be the same without her listening ear and sound advice. She always made me feel like she cared about me and what was going on in my life and she will forever be missed. Condolences to her beautiful family that I've had the pleasure of getting to know over the last couple of years. RIP you beautiful soul 🙏💔❤️, and thank you for being you Connie. You will be missed!*”

Lisa Siebel - May 08, 2022 at 10:18 PM

AG

Connie was a classmate of ours at Highland School and I will always remember her as a lovely and sweet, gentle soul. I can't say enough about what a wonderful person of integrity and strength she was in our lives as young people in school and in my mind she will always be the lovely and lively sweet class leader that we all loved and admired. Love and prayers to you Connie and to her family at this very sad time. Alanna Jenny Goestenkers, Class of '71.

Alanna Goestenkers - May 11, 2022 at 01:33 AM

SD

“*So very sorry your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many fond memories of all of our exploits in high school. We had lost touch for many years, but I had kept in touch with Maggie and Herman. Connie and my path crossed again when my mother and her parents moved into Cedarhurst. It was wonderful to be able to rekindle that friendship. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*”

Sheila Dunn - May 07, 2022 at 10:48 AM

TR

“ Just loved Connie so much. Sending love to her incredible family. I was blessed to care for her.



Trystn - May 07, 2022 at 10:23 AM

RM

“ Ron & Cheryl Mueller lit a candle in memory of Connie D. Abert



Ron & Cheryl Mueller - May 06, 2022 at 12:44 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Connie D. Abert



Rita Rinderer - May 06, 2022 at 12:08 PM

SH

“ Have such fond memories of our get togethers in Waupaca. So glad I was able to visit with Connie and family when here for Herman's visitation recently.
Prayers and Hugs for all. Sandy Hundsdorfer

Sandra Hundsdorfer - May 06, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie D. Abert.*



May 06, 2022 at 11:12 AM