



Robert Eugene Conner

August 9, 1937 - July 6, 2014

Robert (Bob) Eugene Conner went to be with his God and Savior, Jesus Christ after a lengthy battle with cancer, on July 1, 2014. Bob was born on August 9, 1937, to Lorene Ashley Conner and R.M. Conner, Jr. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gwen Mathis Conner; sister Beverly Conner Niederhofer; children, Tamara (Tammy) & Roger Dixon, Barry & Rachelann Conner, Laura Conner & chosen companion, Rhonda Colson Conner; grandchildren, Michelle & Samuel Unger, Kevin & Michelle Dixon, Erin & Scot Rivera, Joshua Robert Dixon, Kailey & Ferris Tilton, Kyle Endsley; great grandchildren, Rebekah, Jacob, Michael, Gabriel & Josiah Unger, Autumn, Seth & Emma Dixon, Isabel, Katelyn & Emily Rivera, Cheyenne & Kristalyn Endsley; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and innumerable friends to miss him. Preceded in death by his parents, Lorene Ashley Conner and R.M. Conner, Jr. Born in Milam County, Bobby attended school at Milano Junction and Huntsville High School. He also attended Sam Houston State University, and earned Real Estate and Real property appraisal certifications. His education included course work at LSU and University of Minnesota. Bob worked for the United States Postal Service, was appointed Assistant Postmaster at the age of 29 and worked there for 20 years. After an early retirement, Bob & Gwen founded Conner's Real Estate and Conner's Gems and Minerals, which later became Conner's Jewelry. He was especially interested in gemstone faceting and lapidary work and even offered classes in lost wax casting, faceting, lapidary and jewelry making. When his health forced him to retire from

appraising, he developed skills in watch and clock repair. Bob was a very well spoken, intelligent man with a quick wit who, despite many health challenges, lived out his life more concerned about the well-being of others than he was about himself. He adored his large family and wanted them to be together always. He cared about and did his best to stay in contact with all of his friends and extended family. His interests were broad and diverse, including a love of nature and animals, medicine and health, science, history and art. He was especially interested in southern/confederate history. He was a huge music lover with very eclectic tastes, which he passed on to his children. He was a strong believer in standing up for what was right, no matter the cost. He was a non-conformist and encouraged individuality in his children as well. He believed that the Bible was God's word and he lived by it. He believed in the sanctity of human life and was actively involved until he was physically unable. He loved his family and friends and they knew it. He truly cared about people and wanted to learn about them. He was a charter member of Second Baptist Church and greatly appreciated them and loved the frequent visits with those who came to his home when he was unable to go to church. A special thanks to the many who have prayed, brought food or just come by. Bob's Sunday school class came regularly, to have bible study, have communion or just to visit. He cherished all of his many friends who came while he was homebound to visit, play dominoes, drink coffee and just be there. With special thanks to Tony Zernicek and Melanie Holliday for being such devoted friends. Visiting with his friend and family was his greatest joy during the last year. Thanks to the staff of 1st Choice Hospice for the loving care you always gave him. A special thank you to Rosalyn for all of the kindnesses that you showed Bob and for the laughter that you two shared. You went above and beyond. If you choose to make a donation in Bob's honor, please consider two of his favorite causes. Autistic Society of America 4340 East West Hwy Sate 350 Bethesda Maryland 20814 Coalition for Life 3012 East 28th Street Bryan, TX 77802 The family will receive friends Saturday, July 5, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Services will be held Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Second Baptist Church, 2517 Sam Houston Ave in Huntsville, Texas. A reception will immediately follow the service the service at the church. Interment will Monday, July 7, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Liberty Cemetery in Liberty Community, Texas. Directions to Liberty Cemetery: take State Hwy 36 to past the Little River Bridge and turn left onto FM 2095. At the Hanover community turn right onto CR 3242 and go 2 miles. The sign for the cemetery is on the right. The cemetery is about 5 miles from Milano. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Eugene Conner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Conner-- I am very sorry for the loss of your husband. You did some work for me at the shop and we visited a long time. I thought you were a beautiful person and you talked to me about your husband. I could tell that the two of you were very close. I will say a prayer to give you peace.*

Sincerely, Kaye Henry, Trinity, TX

Kaye Henry - July 13, 2014 at 08:14 AM



“ *Mrs. Conner,*

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Conner's passing. He was always so sweet when I would come in the shop. I will be praying and thinking of you!

Hugs!
Phyllis Campbell

Phyllis Campbell - July 09, 2014 at 03:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Bobby. I always enjoyed visiting with him. If I had known about the service at Liberty Cemetery I would have attended.*

James Walker - July 08, 2014 at 11:04 PM

LG

“ Mrs. Conner I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Conner. I remember all of you when you used to come and visit Mr. Conner Sr. at Green Acres C/S in the early 1980's. Back then, I was a part time employee there . Mr. Conner and all the entire family were so pleasant to meet. I am extending my condolences and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers . RIP Mr. Conner . Larry Gordon Austin, TX

Larry Gordon - July 07, 2014 at 07:50 PM

MB

“ Dear Gwen, We were so sorry to learn of Bobby's passing. He was a delightful man. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Martha and Bill

Martha & Bill Balusek - July 07, 2014 at 06:34 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Conner I am so sorry to hear of your loss. What a sweet man he was and how fortunate the two of you were to have each other for so long. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family.

Sharon Schultz - July 07, 2014 at 11:49 AM

HZ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Peace and comfort in the coming days.

Holly Poldrack Zeiner - July 06, 2014 at 10:29 AM

EC

“ He was like a Paw Paw to me and he will be missed. Love to all of you.

Erika Crutcher - July 05, 2014 at 12:50 PM

TB

“Gwen, Tammy and family my heart is with yall all right now. I know what its like to lose a parent and wish there was something I could say to help you during this time but know that all I can say is I am sending you all lots of love. If I can help in any way please let me know...love you all. Terri and John-Randall

Terri Bohanon - July 05, 2014 at 12:10 PM

RP

“I will always carry in my heart being a child riding my bicycle to Conner's Gems and Minerals on Sam Houston Ave. Mr. & Mrs. Conner would always welcome me with a smile. I would admire all the fascinating things in that tiny shop. I can't remember not knowing the Conner family. His daughter Laura was and still is my dear friend. Mr. Conner will forever be remembered as a kind, loving Christian man. I will miss him dearly. The Conner family is in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all!

Ruby Wolverton Pierce - July 04, 2014 at 04:08 PM

NS

“Tamara and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one . During this difficult time, know many are thinking and praying for you all. Sincerely, nikki

nikko schoenemann - July 04, 2014 at 01:39 PM

SM

“ Bob was a very special friend and I was blessed to know him and Gwen and their family. I will miss reading to Bob and praying with him. He was involved with Stand and Pray until his health prevented his involvement.

Gwen and family: If there is ever anything I can do for any of you, please, let me know.

Stella

Stella Milam - July 04, 2014 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ Dear Laura,
We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and all your family for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.
We love you.

Joan and CK - July 04, 2014 at 09:15 AM

DG

“ He will hold a special place in my heart as I have always thought of him as my second Dad. My sincerest condolences to the family. I love you all.

Dana Guidry - July 03, 2014 at 08:48 PM

MZ

“ We will miss Bob so much but I know he is resting in peace may god give y'all strength in these hard times. We love you Gwen and May god bless you.

Maria zamudio - July 03, 2014 at 07:04 PM

GW

“Gwen and Family, I am saying prayers for all of you as you go through these days. I feel blessed that we share so many years of memories. Have missed my "peck on the cheek" at church since Bobby has not been able to attend! I know that all of you will find comfort in our Lord. My love and God Bless.
Geneva Walling

Geneva Walling - July 03, 2014 at 01:08 PM

MB

“Great Uncle Bobby was a great uncle and always in good spirits when I saw and talked to him. He had an infectious smile and Shannon liked him alot and remembered him after meeting him the first time. He will be greatly missed our hearts goes out to everyone for your loss. R.I.P. Uncle Bobby

Michelle Mathis/Shannon Bay - July 03, 2014 at 12:47 PM

JA

“Sending heartfelt love and prayers to the family. I had such a wonderful time working with Bob and Gwen. They always made me feel like family, which included a lot of laughing and pulling pranks on each other. He is gone physically, but still very alive both in heaven and in memories.

Joy Mathis Addison - July 03, 2014 at 11:15 AM

KB

“ To dear Gwen and Beverly and all the family. Today my heart is once again heavy after learning Bobby's passing. I remember him as a quiet, dependable and extremely kind young man. Many years have passed since our time in Huntsville High, but the love of schoolmates never diminishes. We are just reminded too often recently of the memories we made as we walked the halls of dear old HHS! My sincerest love and sympathy to all. I will do my best to see you on Sunday.

Kay McAdams Barrett - July 03, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MC

“ Dear Gwen, I was so saddened when Beverly called to tell me of Bobby's passing. I've lost my best high school buddy! But you have lost much more. What a legacy you and Bobby have left/are leaving. I have prayed for you and Bobby ever since we reconnected some years ago and will continue to lift you up to the only One who completely understands and can give true comfort. I just want you to know what a blessing you and Bobby have been to me. Your calm demeanor and the way you faced life, particularly after Bobby's long illness have been truly inspirational. So, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand and give you peace! Love, Mack Numbers 6:24-26

Mack Cox - July 02, 2014 at 09:44 PM

DP

“ Dear Conner family, May God wrap His loving arms around all of you at this sad time. May He give you peace, comfort and rest. Thank you for being our friends...Maudie, Dick, and Steve are in heaven and are greeting Bobby. We will pray for your family as you have prayed for ours many times. God bless you.
The Robinson Family, Carol and Richard Byrd, Tom and Jan Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall, Mary and Nathan Roe

Donna Robinson Paschall - July 02, 2014 at 07:57 PM

DP

“ *My thoughts, prayers, and love to your family.*

Diana Parks - July 02, 2014 at 07:52 PM

SM

“ *Barry/Tammy & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss but rejoice in the fact that your Dad is at peace. I saw him on the front porch just a few weeks ago when I was going to check on Mom and Dad. I so wish that I had stopped to say hello but was on a mission.
May God Bless You and Yours.
Sincerely, Steve*

Steve Martinez - July 02, 2014 at 05:29 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I thought the world of him. He was a wonderful gentleman and hard worker. pl am praying for your family.*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - July 01, 2014 at 07:58 PM