



Constance "Connie" Elaine Chapman

January 17, 1940 - August 8, 2016

Constance Elaine "Connie" Chapman,

76, of Indianapolis, passed away August 8, 2016. She was born January 17, 1940 in Elmira, NY, to the late Allen Julian and Lucille Nelson Perez. Connie was an Administrative Manager for Group Link for many years. She was the co-founder of Lucky Lab Rescue International where she rescued over 1,000 Labrador Retrievers.

Visitation will be Friday, August 12, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. with funeral services Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Connie is survived by her children, David (Kelly Wasson) Strode, James "Jimmy" (Yonghui) Strode, Laura (Timothy) Combs and Katherine "Kathy" (Dean) Martin; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. A sister, Sharon Ianson, preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lucky Lab Rescue, 10594 N 150 E, Lewisville, IN 47352 and/or CSC Farms Wildlife Rehabilitation, 4593 E 500 S, Hartford City, IN 47348.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ My condolences to Connie's family. I first became acquainted with Connie about 33 years ago. We both were members of two different dancing organizations. She was a very good dancer, much better than me. I always enjoyed her as a dance partner as well as being in her company! As already mention in her tributes Connie was a very sweet and kind person. Although we lost contact over the years I never forgot the memories of her. I thank Connie's family for including her picture. Will print her tributes and picture so I can reminisce from time to time. She definitely will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Thomas David Walker

Thomas David Walker - August 12, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Constance "Connie" Elaine Chapman.



August 12, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Constance "Connie" Elaine Chapman.



August 11, 2016 at 05:12 PM

TC

“ As a "near" family member I remember when I first got married to Connie's oldest daughter Laura. As an amateur comedian I had an entire file of "mother in law" jokes from the great comedy vein of marriage. It is one of the greatest areas of human relationships that can be joked about and made fun of. Not surprisingly, Connie broke the mold and made all those jokes completely obsolete and useless.

She was the nicest mother in law anyone could ever have. Always cheerful and happy to help no matter the circumstances. She gave a voice to those who never have one and cannot speak for themselves. She rescued homeless dogs and gave them a second chance. She quietly made a huge difference in the world and I am going to miss her terribly. If I am lucky enough to make it to whatever manifestation of the after life exists in heaven, I know where to go and who to talk to if I want a dog to run with, swim with, and chase tennis balls. Connie will be able to "hook me up"

It has been very difficult watching such a sweet personality exit this life and it is even harder to come to the realization that she is gone from here from now on. I pray that I can hang my hat on the fact that i will get to see her again, have some of her famous chocolate eclair cake and talk about dogs.

May God have mercy on her sweet personality and wonderful soul.....

Tim Combs, son in law

Tim Combs - August 11, 2016 at 02:45 PM



I Love You Tim and I thank God I have you to help me though this.

Laura Strode Combs - August 12, 2016 at 04:29 AM

BB

What a lovely tribute!

barbara bowlen - August 12, 2016 at 05:39 AM

JB

I met Connie through her work with Lucky Lab and while helping take care of her personal dogs at the office. Always a smile and kind word. The world was a better place because of her. Prayers for all of the family.

Jamie Boe - August 12, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Constance "Connie" Elaine Chapman.*



August 11, 2016 at 11:54 AM

CH

“ *I met Connie at the LLR transport when one of the "sisters" broke her hip, it was quite an eventful meeting! But even before our actual meeting, Connie was always a "friend " through our many emails that lasted until right before she went into the hospital. I will miss our virtual friendship. My thoughts go out to her entire family....I am so sorry. She will always be remembered.*

Cindy Howes - August 11, 2016 at 11:50 AM



Thank you Cindy...

Laura Strode Combs - August 12, 2016 at 04:32 AM

KA

“ *To the Families of Connie, She was a wonderful example of what we all need to strive to be in life. While I never meet her personally, the Rescue connection was paramount..*

You are all in my thoughts/prayers in the days ahead...

Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever. "Karen Davison"

Connie changed many lives...to that she lives on..

Sincerely..

*Kathy
Volunteer Love of Labs Indiana*

Kathy - August 11, 2016 at 07:22 AM



Thanks you Kathy!

Laura Strode Combs - August 12, 2016 at 04:33 AM

SB

“ I worked with Connie at GroupLink. She was a great person to work with because she had a wonderful way of keeping things in perspective. Always professional and always supportive with a happy attitude. She loved talking about her grandchildren and spending time with her family. We shared a love of dogs and cats. I'm glad I knew her.

My deepest sympathy to all of her children and grandchildren.

Sarah Bowers

Sarah Bowers - August 11, 2016 at 06:04 AM



Thanks you Sarah!

Laura Strode Combs - August 12, 2016 at 04:34 AM