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Ethelyn "Lynn" Conner, 82, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Aspen Creek Sullivan.

Ethelyn was born August 2, 1936, in Pana, the daughter of Celeste and Ethelyn (Galvin) Klein. She married Earl L. Conner on February 11, 1956, in Great Lakes, IL. Surviving are children, Lynette (Toby) Lambert of Decatur; Shelly (Larry) Auton of Decatur; and Jerry (Darcy) Conner of Decatur; a brother, Mike (Carol) Klein of Frisco, TX; two grandchildren, Fallon Conner and Matt (Jackie Osborn) Richardson, both of Decatur; two step-grandchildren, Kim (David) Cowan and Jr. (Julie) Auton, both of Decatur; two great-grandchildren, Zurri and Eli Richardson; six great step-grandchildren, Andrew, Nick, Zach, and Lauren Auton, all of Decatur; Jackson and Ryker Ford of Winchester, IL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; her parents; six brothers, Bill, Richard "Sleepy", O.J., Jim, David "Fritz", and Jerry; a step-granddaughter, Missy "Auton" Ford; mother-in-law, Theresa Conner; father-in-law, Abra Conner; many brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews.

Lynn grew up in Pana and graduated high school from Sacred Heart all girls school in Springfield. After graduating, Lynn joined the United States Navy and was stationed at Great Lakes in Chicago. Lynn was a wave and so proud to have served her country. While serving in the Navy she met the love of her life and married Earl her fellow service man. Once they left the Navy they moved to Lake Arthur, LA., to begin their life together. Lynn loved being a part of the Conner family and two families became one. Lynn and Earl made their way back to Decatur after several years in Louisiana where they started their family. Lynn was a stay at home until the kids got older then she took the skills she learned in the Navy and became a secretary. Lynn worked at Grants, Bio Genics, which later was known as Toxigenis, Relive, Legal Access, and sold Princess House Crystal. Her favorite job of all was



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being a mother. Lynn loved to travel and was always ready to pack her bags. Yearly trips to Louisiana was always top at the list. She loved to gamble and play bingo or just hang out with her family and friends of her children. Lynn always welcomed all into her home. Most enjoyable was watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their sporting events or anything else they were involved in. Lynn was an avid St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Bears, LSU Tigers, and University of Illinois fan.

Lynn knew no stranger and thought of all as her friend. Strangers were not going to be a stranger once they met Lynn, especially if they were a fellow veteran. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. She loved giving and making others smile. Lynn was diagnosed with Dementia/Alzheimer in 2014 and lost her battle but fought hard all the way until she took her last breath.

The family would like to extend a loving thank you to all the staff at Aspen Creek in Sullivan. Mom adopted an entire family once she moved to Aspen Creek and she was loved by all. The entire staff at Aspen Creek is loved and we are all so thankful for your excellent caregiving and love of our mom.

A funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2019 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Decatur. A visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Moran and Goebel Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to the Alzheimer Association.

Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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AF

Angie French posted:

Dear Conner Family, Sorry to hear about Lynn's passing. My sincere condolences. Sending prayers and hugs.

March 31 at 9:48 AM

CM

Connie & Steve Mooney posted:

Shelly, So very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Our prayers for you and your family.

March 29 at 7:02 AM

MS

Mary-Anne Kasten Sanders posted:

Remembering Lynn Klein Conner affectionately. We were together in 7th and 8th grades in Lincoln (East) School in 1948 and 1949. Lynn and I had great times riding our bikes home from school for lunch hours – Lynn getting off at her home on Fourth Street (next to Conoco Station), and I going four more blocks south on Poplar Street. I missed being with her in High School. I remember her as always having a smile and a warm personality.

March 29 at 6:10 AM

SF

Scott On Behalf Of The Montgomery And Reliv Family. posted:

Sending love to the entire Conner family during this difficult time. Lynn was a special person and I have wonderful memories working with her at Reliv in the late 80's and early 90's. I remember Lynn inviting me to a family wedding the summer of 89' or 90' and meeting her LA/Cajun family. Alzheimer's is a terrible disease, may Lynn now be in peace.

March 27 at 11:10 AM

BF

Barry & Sherry French posted:

Lynette, Shelly, and Jerry and families, We are in Texas and will not be home until Easter. We are very sorry to hear of the loss of our dear friend. We will always be thankful of our times together. Your family was certainly God's gift to us. We send hugs and beautiful thoughts of her. We love you and wish we could be there with you.

March 27 at 3:00 AM



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DA

Dawn posted:

Dear Lynn I loved you you are such a bright star such an inspiration for mothers. Very outgoing. I appreciate your boldness and outgoing personality!

March 26 at 5:00 PM

MH

Marsha Carroll Hrabak posted:

Conner and Klein family, I grew up in the neighborhood with the Klein kids. Fritz was a classmate and Lynn was a close friend and my babysitter, we had many good times and conversations growing up. Missed her when she went to service. She had such a bubbly personality, considered her very special. Will never forget her...With Deepest Sympathy...

March 26 at 3:24 PM

TW

Tina Welch posted:

Jerry and family, know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this time. Sending prayers of peace and strength.

March 26 at 2:41 PM

TS

Tammy, John, And Alex Sobottka posted:

Shelly, Lynette, and family, We are sending you all a big hug and want you to know we are thinking of you. God Bless!

March 26 at 11:14 AM

BB

Bernie & Brenda Lee posted:

Our prayers go to Jerry, Darcy and Fallon and the rest of the Conner family with the passing of their beloved matriarch. She has gone home and is with Earl. God Bless your family and may her Soul Rest In Peace.

March 26 at 8:07 AM

SS

Suzy Spinner posted:

You will be missed, such an amazing personality. Always smiling. Rest easy.

March 26 at 4:32 AM



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BG

Butch & Connie Gilbert posted:

Your Mother always had a beautiful smile. She was a very kind and giving lady. Peace be with the family at this time.

March 25 at 2:42 PM

PS

Patti M Sicking posted:

Will miss you Aunt Linnie. Love you forever

March 25 at 12:18 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ethelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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