



Connie Lynn Brown

August 22, 1948 - September 17, 2015

Connie Lynn Brown, 67, of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Thursday, September 17, 2015.

Connie was born on August 22, 1948, in Lansing to the late Donald and Phyllis Richardson. She graduated in 1966 from Charlotte High School. Her first love was that of her family; her children, sisters and family friends. Connie also loved to fish and spend any spare time she could find tending to her beautiful flower garden.

In her sassy, yet loving way, she gave of herself and her talents all the time. She made teddy bears from recycled fur coats; mended, sewed and knitted clothes and other fashions; baked cookies from a large repertoire of recipes she loved to make during the holidays; along with so many other treasures. Anything you ever received from her was a "Connie original," and you knew it was made with love.

For the past 14 years, Connie loved meeting new people every day as a bus driver for BATA. She also worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Eaton Rapids and Suttons Bay. She had an interest in flying and attended the Michigan Aviation Association's Michigan Air Tour.

Connie will be forever remembered as a remarkable mother, sister and friend who will be truly missed by all who knew her. Surviving are her children, Daniel DeBarr, Jr., Teri (Dave) Jones, Clay DeBarr; step-grandsons Joshua and Jacob Jones; sisters, Doris Fox and Mary Ann (Jim) Yahmatter, and many more loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association. Please kindly share your thoughts and memories of Connie at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Connie was one the kindest and one of the funniest people that I have ever met. I met her through BATA and she teased me from day one! She would say "oh my gosh it's YOU. "She took time to talk to my kids and I. She loved her job and everyone she dealt with. My other half also worked for BATA and when he told her we were moving out of state and that I would miss her she said" tell Amy I don't care." That was her way of saying I love you. Well miss Connie I love you too. I will never forget you because you made a tremendous impact on my life. R.I.P Connie Brown.



Amy Sanchez - November 20, 2015 at 07:38 AM



“ While I was only at Bata for a short time my memories of Connie begin with a smile and caring attitude! I would walk in the break room with a group of workers and Connie was always the first one to say hi and ask how I was. My heart goes out to her loved ones!



Robin Maloney - September 25, 2015 at 11:25 PM



“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

American Heart Association - September 25, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Donette Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Connie Lynn Brown



Donette Zimmerman - September 23, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ Becky Erickson lit a candle in memory of Connie Lynn Brown



Becky Erickson - September 21, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ My heart goes out to Connies family and close friends. What a shock to hear about her passing. I had the pleasure of training Connie when she arrived at BATA, and like many school bus drivers she arrived "fully formed". She was a bright, articulate, unique person who soon became part of a core group of full time drivers who were the backbone of our drivers unit for a long time.

I remember fondly sharing the large, round drivers lunch table with her for so many years. And that is where she is etched in my mind. Sitting there eating, smiling, joking, sharing the news of the day with all of the other drivers and dispatchers crowded around that table. Then, like the rest of us, hurrying out the door to make her next "run" of the day. Those are some of the most vivid memories I have and will always have of her . She will be missed.

Bill Loveland

Bill Loveland - September 20, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ Connie was a wonderful person. I am so lucky to have a chance to have met her. Sending her family lots of prayers.

vickie panzegrau - September 20, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ Connie was always such a breath of fresh air. I was grateful that I had the opportunity to meet her. God Bless Connie and her friends and family.
Best, Nicole Rodriguez

Nicole Rodriguez - September 20, 2015 at 06:52 PM



“ I was blessed to work with Connie her entire 14 years at BATA. She was family. She was always there with a smile and her quick wit. She'd set you straight in a heartbeat with that smile on her face and that twinkle in her eye, but you knew she meant business! She was the one I went to when I needed my pants hemmed! She was reliable, trustworthy and honest. She loved to work. Retirement was not for her. We were lucky to have had her on board and she will be sadly missed for a long long time. Until we meet again my friend...rest easy <3

Christy Penrod - September 20, 2015 at 01:31 PM



“ I was only at BATA for a short time but Connie was so very helpful with answering questions & just making everyone laugh with her jokes. You are truly a one of a kind person & I will miss your smiling face.
Krysty Beaudrie

Krysty Belevender Beaudrie - September 20, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ Kim lit a candle in memory of Connie Lynn Brown



kim - September 20, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ Connie. This candle is lit for you as your light is in my heart. You brightened everyday. Your morning smile of goodmorning KIMMIE. your RAY OF SUNSHINE. Will be missed. But as you have planted your light in my heart i now will pass your smile in my memories. Sharing

kim - September 20, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ To Connie's children whom she loved with all her heart, may God give you peace and comfort in your moments of sorrow and pain, strength to listen to all the people who will share their stories of connection to her, and hope that she is at peace. I can not tell you when I first met your Mom, but that I met her at work, and it was the most honest and friendly of meetings. She and I did drive together for the "Red Eye" a couple of times, as well as fighting the blizzard to drive in Leelanau County. One perticular time we followed each other into the parklot in Lake Leelanau and both began to laugh. We had "duck tails" of snow hanging off the back of our cars and of course the fact that we did not know if we would make it, it was such a relief, we laughed. I can not begin to understand sadness and loss you are feeling, I will miss that grand lady, I hope that her pain is gone, and I will try to remember her laugh, her bad, bad jokes, her determination and drive, the pride she took in her crafts, cooking, flower, and her friendships. It will warm my heart forever that she considered me a friend.

Becky Erickson - September 21, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Connie at BATA. It may have only been for a very short time but it sure was memorable. Connie always had a smile, a kind word, and she was a genuine loving human being! She made you feel as if you were the most important person in her life! She will be missed! Rest in Peace Connie!! Veronica Ramos

Veronica Ramos - September 20, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ Connie, I can't imagine not seeing you again, not seeing the smile and hearing the laugh we all know and love. The love and passion you have for your family is all encompassing, I am at awe. I admire and respect you. Although i cry selfish tears because i'm going to miss you so much, i also smile because you left so quick and are now in paradise. I am truly sorry and praying for peace for your family. Save a place for all of us up there please and say hi to my mom for me. By for now.

April Dean - September 20, 2015 at 12:19 AM



“ Teri, Daniel, and Clay. When God made your mother, he threw away the mold. Connie was a little woman with a big heart and still said what was on her mind. If some people didn't like it, that was too bad. Her smiling face and her quick wit will greatly be missed by us and all of her friends. We were blessed to have known her. There will never be anyone like Connie Brown again. Thank you for sharing her with us. Deb and Kevin Giddis



Debra Kuhn-Giddis - September 20, 2015 at 12:04 AM



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April - September 20, 2015 at 12:30 AM



“ She was a friend and loveable women. She always had a smile. We had many talks with all kinds of ending . I well miss her on facebook. God bkess you my friend. Ray

Ray Bays - September 20, 2015 at 01:27 AM



“ I'm going to miss Connie's smiling face at BATA...she was a great co-worker who was always willing to help others. You will be missed, Connie.
John Posler (BATA driver)

John Posler - September 19, 2015 at 05:27 PM



“ I will miss her sassy remarks she told it like she seen it no holding back she was a genuine person and you knew where you stood with he because she would tell you. Good person. Big loss.

Mike - September 20, 2015 at 06:18 AM



“ I will miss seeing Connie's wonderful smile at Hall street, it will not be the same. I have many wonderful memories of the days she drove Zone 7 and the link buses. A truly remarkable person, we will always remember you.

Charlene Sawallich - September 21, 2015 at 07:44 AM