



Mary T. Conklin

September 9, 1959 - December 16, 2024

Mary T. Conklin, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. Born on September 9, 1959, to the late William and Marlene Johnston, Mary lived a life dedicated to her family. For 42 wonderful years, Mary shared her life with her devoted husband, Gary Conklin. Together, they built a home filled with love, laughter and warmth. She was the proud and loving mother of Christine (Jason) Bolton and the late Brian Conklin. Her role as "Grandma" to her treasured grandson, Anders Bolton, brought her immense joy and pride. Mary was the dear sister of Joe (Lisa) Johnston, Judy (Joe Lacopelli) Johnston, Michael (Lisa) Johnston and Amy (Tom) Statly. She also leaves behind a close-knit family of nieces, nephews and extended relatives who adored her. Mary found happiness in the simple joys of life. She had a deep love for nature, whether it was tending to her garden, taking walks outdoors, or simply appreciating the beauty of the world around her. She was also an avid dancer who delighted in moving to the rhythm of her favorite music. Watching classic movies brought her comfort and nostalgia, while time spent with family was the highlight of her days. Known for her unwavering kindness and dedication, Mary was the person others could always rely on. Her natural warmth and ability to be present for those she loved were hallmarks of her character. A homemaker at heart, Mary took pride in creating a welcoming and tidy home, a space where family and friends could gather and feel at ease. Mary's light will continue to shine in the hearts of those who

knew her. Her love, compassion and vibrant spirit will be deeply missed but never forgotten. A visitation to celebrate Mary's life will be held on Friday (December 20th) at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) from 10am until the time of service at 1pm. Please share a memory of Mary on her tribute wall.

Cemetery Details

Clinton Grove Cemetery

Cass Ave @ Moravian
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Previous Events

Burial

DEC **20**. 12:00 AM (ET)

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Clinton Township, MI 48036

Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ Mom... I'm at a loss that is unmeasurable.. my heart is broken. This is truly unfair that you were taken so soon from all of us... I can't wrap my head around it.

I was so blessed to call you Mom for the last 42 years of my life . I was so blessed to finally have a son and watch you become Grandma for the last 5 years... you were the best Grandma and Anders misses you so much.

You made my childhood so full of love, and happiness. I watched you be so strong all of my life taking care of my brother and ultimately having to see him off to heaven.. you stayed so strong through it all.

I watched you work so hard to keep a beautiful home, to help others in doing those same tasks and it Amazes me you did it without ever complaining ..

To had the most amazing memory of any person I've ever met. We are missing that gift now as we can't remember or find anything ... You still sent cards to everyone and were the first one to arrive at all gatherings... people could always count on you being there no matter what.

Your love of music and simplicity of life in general always made my heart feel at ease.. I miss seeing you dancing around the house and hearing you sing to all your favorite songs.

I miss your voice... I just want to hug you once more mom..

You did so much for me, always supporting me.. always encouraging me and my dreams .. always telling me how talented i am, even when I had my own doubts..

You were so beautiful inside and out..

last night I sat and looked at pictures of you with tears running down my face, you were just so Beautiful.

You were my saving grace over the last 5 years taking care of Anders, cleaning my home, doing my laundry and organizing.. it was such a blessing beyond words that I could come home to my family and not be stressed about my home... and that was just who you were. Anything you could do to help lessen the burden for someone else, you did it..

Those that knew and loved my mom can understand the absolute

*disparity we feel.. she was one of the best...
I'm so sorry that this happened to you.. you didn't deserve this..
Dad misses you so much, everyone does .
I think about you every day and am
Forever grateful for everything you were that made me who I am
today. I am strong because of you. I am kind because of you. I will
carry on your legacy and traditions... forever
I love you mom, forever and always .*

Christine Bolton - December 28, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DB

*As your mom loved you Christine, She was a quiet and kind gentle woman . We will help keep Anders memories full of his Grandma. We will always wonder what happened that day . She wants you to remember her as a delicate flower that grows in your garden, a reminder of the beauty she is ! She's with Brian now, maybe she felt he needed her now. You know how she was, always caring about everyone else, especially her children, grandson, your dad and her family .
((Hugs)) Christine, she's your Angel 🙏 now . Talk to her when you need to, as she will always be there and listen . Love you Christine.
Wish I could help you with your pain ! We're here whenever you need us.*

Darlene Bolton - January 05, 2025 at 10:43 PM

AS

“*Mary Therese was my tiny, little big sister who was nothing but loving and kind to me. She had a heart of gold. She was an amazing Mom to both Brian and Christine and was so proud of her family. She and Gary did everything together from home renovations to babysitting Anders. We are all heartbroken and we will just miss her so much. We are remembering the things she loved like music, classic movies and dancing. You couldn't get her off the dance floor at family weddings- she was an incredible dancer! Mostly, we are going to miss her sweetness and kindness- the world was a better place with her in it.*

amy statly - December 19, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary T. Conklin.

December 19, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary T. Conklin.



December 19, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of meeting Mary again and again at family get togethers over the years. My lasting impression each time we met was her gentle warm demeanor. Her soft smile stayed with me long after we parted. Rest in the arms of the Lord Mary. Till we meet again. Chris Austin

Chris Austin - December 19, 2024 at 07:11 AM

DB

“ Mary will truly be missed by all.
She was a very kind, soft spoken person.
She was always busy, cleaning and taking care of everything.
She was especially a great and fun loving Grandma to our Anders.. We will keep her memory alive so Anders will remember the best grandma Conklin he had . Prayers 🙏 for Gary and Christine, they lost the best Angel ever . Please watch over them and keep them safe, Mary ..
You will truly be missed ..



Darlene Bolton - December 19, 2024 at 12:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary T. Conklin.

December 18, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary T. Conklin.



December 18, 2024 at 09:27 PM

LM

“ To Conklin Family- We where so shocked to hear about the passing of Mary. Our hearts go out to you at this time of sorrow. I'm a first cousin to Mary's mother, from Ontario, Canada. Our prayers are with you. Please contact me at my email address.

Larry & Mary Martin

Larry Martin - December 18, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary T. Conklin*



Larry Martin - December 18, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ *Carol B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary T. Conklin.*

Carol B. - December 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM

CB

“ *Carol B. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary T. Conklin.*



Carol B. - December 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Mary Therese is my older sister and first born of our family of 5 kids. She was a little person with a huge heart and gentle, kind personality. She was at least an hour early to every event and was always the first birthday card and Christmas card I received every year. She loved tidying up any space and would take your dinner plate away to clean before you finished eating! She’s gone way too soon, and I will miss her every day. I’m happy to have been able to see her every other week visiting our Dad since our Mom passed away. She was like clockwork showing up on her organized schedule. We all tease that she was our Dad’s favorite, so I will try to find comfort that she’s reunited with our Dad and Mom and with her beautiful son, Brian. With Love always from your middle sister, Judy*

Judy Johnston - December 18, 2024 at 07:29 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary T. Conklin.*



December 18, 2024 at 01:41 AM