



## Connie Stubben

October 19, 1946 - May 10, 2014

PIERCE- Connie Joanne Bright Stubben, October 19, 1946 - May 10, 2014, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. Her three daughters were blessed to spend the last hours with Connie, comforting her. Connie was born to Charles “Myron” Bright and Dorothy Stevicks Bright, in Humboldt, Nebraska. In 1965 she married Dailyn “Gus” Stubben; together they had three daughters, Dana, Kim and Ami. Her family always came first. Connie’s five grandchildren – Justin, Kelsi, Brice, Shelby and Bentley have many fond memories. Brice remembers grandma setting up a kiddie pool in the middle of her kitchen for the kids to “swim” when the weather was too chilly to go to the pool. Brice is also especially fond of the fact that when he was very young grandma made him a special blanket, which was eventually worn to bits, so just recently she very diligently found the very same fabric and made him another exact replica. Kelsi and Shelby remember working with grandma at the Pierce County fair, where they played lots of card games while manning the art exhibits. Shelby remembers going to vacation bible school with her and pickling or canning just about any vegetable during the summer. Justin remembers how she always cared for them even when she was sick. On one particular day, grandma found that Justin (age 26 at the time) was sick and she came to his house with food and drink to help him feel better; she did this while dealing with cancer. Bentley remembers teddy bear picnics and grandma putting an apron on him so he could help bake banana bread. She was so honored to be able to “play” with Bentley two days per week after she

retired. She would tell everyone that she didn't babysit but rather "played" with Bentley during those days. She was the best football player out of any grandma in the world, just ask Bentley. Dana and Kelsi remember road trips with Connie at their side; the most memorable was the 9 day trip from Oklahoma to Seattle and down the California coastline on Highway 1. They called their trips the "if butts could talk, they would say get off me...tours". Ami and Ryan remember how remarkably, mom was hospitalized days before their wedding but mustered the strength to be released on the very day of the wedding so that she could attend. A memory that will last forever is that Connie always placed family first. Even during her final days here on earth she would remind her daughters and grandchildren that family came before anything and that she loved them.

Connie attended Joseph's Beauty College in 1964 and earned her Cosmetology license. Years later she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, graduating in 1990 just before the birth of her 3rd grandchild. Shortly after graduation she became an elementary school teacher at District 6, Pierce County Country School where she taught 4 to 10 elementary school students each year for the next 8 years. That school was her second home and those students were her second family. When the decision was made to close the country school due to attendance, she became the art and music teacher at Pierce Elementary school; she retired after 22 years of teaching in 2012.

Connie loved teaching; she loved all the children that she worked with, many of whom became lifelong friends after their graduation. She worked endless hours at the school preparing for art assignments / exhibits and musical concerts. After her retirement she kept extremely busy and often joked how she didn't know how she had time to work before because she was so busy. She loved baking, gardening, traveling and just being outdoors...but only when it was warm. During the winter months if you saw her outdoors you may not have recognized her because she would be all bundled up.

Connie was blessed with many things; she was however, given the best

birthday gift ever; the gift of her last grandchild Bentley who was born on October 19th, 2010, her birthday. The gift of sharing his birthday with his grandmother will be an everlasting gift that Bentley will have also received. Connie battled cancer in 1972 when she was diagnosed as having ovarian cancer, after giving birth to Ami. She won that battle and then in January 2010 she was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She courageously battled the first round of cancer with chemotherapy, radiation therapy and a surgical procedure to remove her esophagus this battle lasted 17 months. She faced the cancer head-on and mustered all the strength she could to fight. She had won and remained cancer free for two more years. In October of 2013 the cancer, returned, she battled this once again with great courage but complications of the cancer treatments took their toll. Connie's daughters found their mother to be compassionate, courageous and caring, and all feel very fortunate to have known such a woman. They spent the last few weeks with her and were able to ensure her hospitalizations and subsequent home/hospice care comforted her. She passed away at her oldest daughters' home in Lincoln on Saturday, May 10th 2014 at 4:47 am with all of her daughters at her side.

She is survived by her father Myron Bright and his wife Carol, Humboldt, NE, her brother, Dennis Bright, Charlotte, SC; daughter Dana Stubben, Lincoln, NE; daughter and son-in-law Kim and John Stinson, Norfolk, NE; daughter and son-in-law Ami Stubben-Goetsch and Ryan Goetsch; grandchildren Kelsi Stubben, Lincoln, NE, grandson and granddaughter-in-law Justin and Breanna Robinette of Indianapolis, IN, Brice Stubben and Bentley Goetsch of Norfolk, NE and Shelby Robinette and her fiancée Caleb Price of Ashland, NE. Connie was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Bright in 1974 and her ex-husband and father of her children Dailyn "Gus" Stubben in 2009. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Stonacek Funeral Home in Norfolk, NE on May 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Stubben*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *A heart-warming memory I have of Connie is of the time she drove to our house near Plainview to get some irises. I knew how she loved flowers, so I asked her if she would like to come up and get some of ours that needed to be split. She came to the farm one day, and we dug some different kinds of irises and a few other flowers for her. She was so appreciative.*

*Donna*

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**Donna Hoffmann** - May 27, 2014 at 02:29 PM



“ *We first met Connie as a young married couple who lived in the apartment below her. We knew no one and didn't have a clue what we were doing. She quickly took us under her wing, and became a Mom to us. When our daughter was born a year later, she became Grandma too and was the first person we trusted to babysit. We will always have fond memories of Connie. Though we mourn her loss and will miss reuniting with her at the Pierce Co. fair every year, we know she is in a much better place now with a new, perfect, and cancer-free body.*

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**Nan and Chad Kment** - May 22, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Connie Stubben.*



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May 22, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ *I send my condolences to the family of Connie. We was class mates and I have not seen Connie since I left school to join the Marine Corps. Myron sorry for your lost.*  
*Bob Carpenter*

*Email:*  
*rlcarpenter@coastalnet.com*

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**Bob Carpenter** - May 21, 2014 at 05:37 PM



“ *Lucinda Schultz sent a virtual gift in memory of Connie Stubben*



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**Lucinda Schultz** - May 18, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ *Karl & Lucinda Schultz purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Connie Stubben.*



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**Karl & Lucinda Schultz** - May 18, 2014 at 11:08 AM



“ *Kim Stinson lit a candle in memory of Connie Stubben*



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**Kim Stinson** - May 16, 2014 at 03:48 PM

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“ *I was always welcome at Connie's house. As a young music teacher in Niobrara, this was a blessing. I remember lots of laughter and lots of good good. I 'found' Connie in Vermillion, SD, after a year of not being in contact and nothing had changed. In the last few years, Connie and the girls found me on Facebook. I cherish the connection to the Stubben girls and am thankful for having had Connie as a friend. Love and prayers. Marina*

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**Marina Wernsmann** - May 15, 2014 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Kim and John, Please accept my sympathy and Prayers in your time of loss. I have a quote for you--" when someone you treasure becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."* Leann Weich



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**Leann Weich** - May 15, 2014 at 09:34 AM

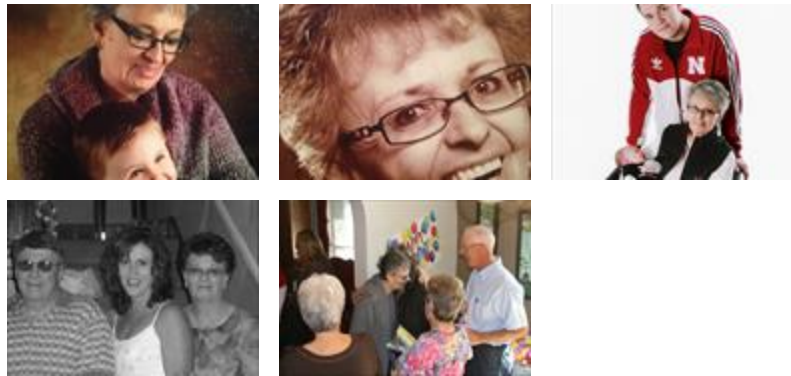
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“ Last summer was the first year that Connie volunteered to help at the Pierce Historical Society museum. She was there for cleaning day with her broom and dust cloth, and hosted a Sunday afternoon. You could tell that she enjoyed helping out. It is with great sadness that we no longer have an eager volunteer. The Pierce Historical Society sends it deepest sympathy.

Pierce Historical Society - May 13, 2014 at 11:36 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Celebration of Life



Kim Stinson - May 12, 2014 at 01:38 PM

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“ Connie was an amazing neighbor and friend. She was the first person to walk across to meet my boys when each of them were born. She took the time to get to know me and my family and would bring her grandson over during playdates to play with my oldest. What an unforgettably wonderful woman. She will be dearly missed by me and my family.

KaLinda Eichberger - May 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

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*Although we did not know Connie, we know her daughter Ami; and we can tell that Connie was definitely a wonderful Mother, as she raised a beautiful person. Stubben family, please know that we are so sorry for your loss, and are thinking of you! We know that Connie was dearly cared for when she needed it most! It is so obvious that Connie's loving spirit was passed down, and will live on in her family, and in all those who were blessed to know her. Blessings to all the Stubben family.*

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**Karl and Lucinda Schultz** - May 18, 2014 at 10:14 AM

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“ *On stressful mornings at home when I was too frazzled to dole out needed hugs, she was always there to great my boys with one as the passed the art room every morning. Zach was often late to class because he was still in Mrs. Stubben's room, visiting and getting hugs. I thank her everyday for being the love for them when they needed a little extra. I will miss her smile most. What a beautiful one she had.*

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**mist halsey** - May 11, 2014 at 10:01 PM