



Carroll Edward Conner

November 16, 1927 - November 4, 2016

Carroll Edward Conner, 88, passed away on November 4, 2016 in Rockville, MD. Carroll was kind and gentle and he empowered others around him.

Carroll, a life-long resident of Manassas, Virginia, was born on November 16, 1927 to Virginia and Jacob Conner. He graduated from Osbourn High School in 1945 and received his Bachelor's Degree in French and Spanish from Bridgewater College in 1951. He served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a corpsman stationed at a military hospital in Orleans, France. On August 1951, Carroll married his college sweetheart, Geraldine. He completed a Master's Degree in Education at George Washington University in 1961.

Carroll loved the Lord and his family. Carroll is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Geraldine Conner who passed away on July 19, 2008. Carroll is survived by two daughters, Joyce Kitzmiller and her husband David, Jean Jacobsen and her husband Jay; and his grandsons Michael and Daniel Jacobsen. Carroll is preceded in death by his four brothers, Alvin, Jake, Abraham, Earl and his five sisters, Thelma, Alice, Gladys, Norma and Ruth.

Carroll returned to Manassas after completing his military service, and began his career as an educator in the Fairfax County Public School System. He served as principal of Clifton Elementary School and taught at several Fairfax County public schools during his career, including Robert Frost Middle School,

where he retired.

Carroll was a devoted member of the Manassas Church of the Brethren, which he attended all of his life. Over the years, he was a deacon, served on and chaired the Music and Worship Commission, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Also, he served with his wife in the church library, and helped landscape the church grounds. He volunteered with the SERVE (Securing Emergency Resources through Volunteer Efforts) food bank and clothes closet.

In 2007, Carroll and his brother, Dr. Alvin Conner, coauthored a book titled *People and Places in Lucasville, Virginia*, which described their life growing up on the Bloom Hill Farm, and their memories of the people they had met who had lived in the Manassas area during and after the Civil War. The book is now at the Manassas Museum.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 11, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Rd., Manassas, VA with Pastor Chris Bowman officiating. Interment will follow at the Cannon Branch Cemetery, Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Manassas Church of the Brethren, in memory of Carroll Conner. Condolences may be posted to the website: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Cannon Branch Cemetery

9756 Godwin Drive
Manassas, VA 20110

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

NOV 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Manassas Church of the Brethren
10047 Nokesville Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Tribute Wall

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“ We've been neighbors with Mr. Connor for over 20 years. Mr. Connor is one of the dearest souls I've ever met. He had such a difficult time losing his wife Gerry, and dealing with the results of his stroke several years ago. Mr. Connor and I would sit on his carport and solve so many world problems, along with sharing memories of our time spent in Germany even though during different years. Mr. Connor will be in our hearts and prayers forever.



Susan & Roger Phipps

Susan Phipps - November 08, 2016 at 12:14 PM

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“ I wanted to give my sincere condolences for the passing of Mr. Connor. We got to meet him at the Church of the Brethren in Manassas. I remember his smile and his wonderful smile. I remember he and Dave talking at the church and how wonderful he truly was. His passing is very sad but he is with the Lord in heaven. What a great celebration. You will be missed and you were truly loved by so many. The gates again have welcomed an angel home. I was very happy that we were able to meet him and talk and have a good time. The Lord has called him home



laurel larison - November 08, 2016 at 10:34 AM

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“ I remember Carroll as a warm and very interesting person to talk with. He always had an wonderful story to tell and had a wonderful way with kids. That lovely smile was always welcome and his devotion to family and church was inspirational. My heart goes out to the family and I pray the warm memories of his life and example will hold you up in this time of loss and adjustment to the change in your journey-blessings all around - Ruth Kline Mickelberry

Ruth K Mickelberry - November 06, 2016 at 04:35 PM

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“ Carroll was a very dear and special friend and his presence in our lives will be greatly missed. When Leonard and I came to Manassas in 1979, Gerry and Carroll soon became our deacons at MCOB. We always had a special connection as Gerry and I were both from Weyers Cave. Our children looked forward to receiving a card from them each birthday because they knew a dollar would be tucked inside.

As educators, Carroll and I often shared classroom stories. As friends we shared visits, meals, letters and cards. I still have many cards and letters received over the years from Carroll and Gerry and later from just Carroll.

Carroll enjoyed life as long as he possibly could. "His church" was the center of his life for many, many years and probably the one thing he missed the most when moving to Maryland. He enjoyed this last year being closer to his girls, son in laws and grandsons.

Carroll was a wonderful addition to life and we have been blessed to share so much of it with him.

Mary Jane Pumphrey

Mary Jane Pumphrey - November 06, 2016 at 04:17 PM