



## Connie Bostic

June 8, 1936 - January 14, 2024

Conelia "Connie" Harrill Bostic, was born June 8, 1936, in Spindale, N.C., and died in the early morning hours of January 14, 2024, in her beloved home in Fairview, N.C

Connie grew up in Spindale where she was raised by her maternal grandparents. Her life there was limited by the confines of a typical small southern town, however, she found an interest in the arts through history lessons given by her elementary school art teacher. Later, in her early teens, she became intrigued with the city of Asheville, as she happened upon the writings of Thomas Wolfe. These experiences would defiantly lead to her artistic expression as well as her love of the Fairview/Asheville area.

Connie married George Bostic, Sr. and in 1970, after relocating to Asheville, she happened upon the S.J. Ashworth House on U.S. 74 in Fairview. She "surprised" George by purchasing the house and fittingly naming it, "Mayhem Manor" where they would loosely raise their five children, horses, dogs, and a number of their children's friends. What an amazing adventure!

Connie had an incredible life with stories rich in emotion and intrigue as well as shocking, amazing, wonderful, crazy surprises at every turn. She has been described as the "Grandmother of the Asheville art scene" as she brought the first contemporary art gallery to Asheville in 1990 with Zone One

Contemporary on Biltmore Ave. She also provided a strong foundation for the creation of the Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center.

Connie is survived by her children, Michael Bostic of Fairview, Beth Bostic of Fairview, Catherine Bostic Southern (Bill) of Flowery Branch, GA, daughter-in-law, DJ Bostic of Black Mountain, grandchildren, Lindsay West (Matt), Kari Morris (John), Hannah Lyda (Kevin), Rachel Burleson (John) and Will Southern as well as her great-grandchildren, Jett Burleson, Leona Lyda, Victoria Burleson, and Fredrick Lyda.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, George Michael Bostic, Sr., son, John Mark Bostic, and daughter, Victoria "Ticker" Bostic Landers.

Service arrangements are being planned and will be announced at the following website: [conniebostic.com](http://conniebostic.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to:

Black Mountain College Museum + Art Center, 120 College St., Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall

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“*Connie was one of a kind, truly a wonderful friend to ALL!! I will never forget her kindness and encouragement to me. So happy I got a chance to visit and see her paintings in Tryon last fall. I will miss her.*

*Annette Coleman*

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**Annette Coleman** - January 21, 2024 at 12:47 PM