



Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez Bird

May 19, 1939 - April 30, 2024

Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez Bird passed from this world into Heaven to be with Jesus on April 30, 2024, after a short and unexpected illness. She was born on May 19, 1939 in Bogota, Colombia and immigrated to Miami, FL in 1952. At that time, she did not speak English but, even so, was able to complete high school and obtain a wonderful job she enjoyed for many years at McCaughan Mortgage Company in Coral Gables. In 1980, she moved to Weaverville, NC with her husband and children and became the proud owner of The Pines Cottages. She was active in managing 15 vacation cabins for 20 years before retiring in 2001.

Connie was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Asheville for 44 years. She was an extremely generous, loving, compassionate, and thoughtful woman who helped others and never spoke a mean word about anyone. She enjoyed volunteering and through the years was a member of the Stephen Ministry, a driver for Meals on Wheels and a Friendly Visitor through the Council on Aging for Buncombe County. She also enjoyed helping in various ways St. Eugene's. She befriended many elderly ladies through her volunteer activities and would assist them weekly with chores, appointments or whatever they needed. Many became dear friends.

Connie enjoyed spending quality time with her family and friends, caring for her plants and flowers since she had a "green" thumb, praying for those in

need, and traveling with her husband in their RV to places far and wide.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Gayland Glen Bird. Left behind to remember her with love and admiration are her two children, Mark Allen Bird and wife, Kim, of Danville, VA and Christine Bird Luna and husband, Martin, of Weaverville, NC, in addition to her sister, Leonor Repp, and brothers, Fernando and George Rodriguez, plus many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

She also leaves behind six grandchildren who affectionately called her "Ita": Jessica, Daniel, Robbie, and Sophia Luna; and Joshua Bird and wife, Jenna, and Samuel Bird. She was extremely proud of all of them and would tell everyone about their accomplishments and endeavors.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on June 7, 2024 at 11 am at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 72 Culvern Street, Asheville, NC 28804. It will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in her name to Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073 or online at www.foodforthe poor.org

Cemetery Details

St. Eugene's Catholic Church Columbarium

72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

A reception will follow

Tribute Wall

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“ Ken and Maritza Holley purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez Bird.



Ken and Maritza Holley - June 06, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez Bird.



June 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

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“ Connie and I first met in 1981 at McCaughan Mortgage. She was my direct supervisor and taught me everything I know about mortgages and the way they work. She was a patient, loving and often funny human being. We were 4 very young girls under her direct report and often tried to make Connie laugh by unplugging her desk phone cord and then calling her. She would answer and the cord would detach making us all start laughing. She was such a great sport laughing along with us. Even after she moved away with her family, we continued our friendship and I visited several times while she owned the Pines. We spoke at least twice a year, keeping each other abreast of our life's path. My Connie, I will miss our phone calls together. You will always be remembered with much love. May you rest in peace 🙏

Mory Machado - June 04, 2024 at 08:36 AM

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Connie and I went on a double date and we married the guys and lived a happy joyous life.

Sheila Riczko - June 07, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ Dear Family of Connie Bird,
On behalf of the St. Eugene Church
Bereavement Ministry, I would like to express
my condolences for the loss of your loved
one. Know that our Ministry will be praying for
your family during this time of sadness. Please be in touch with us if
there is anything we can do to help your family.



*Blessings,
Ginny Raviotta
St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry*

Ginny Raviotta - May 25, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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“ My Aunt Connie was my ally, never judging the "weird kid" in the family and always listening to my issues and accepting me for the person I was and was to become. When I needed a pick me up, a word of encouragement, or just unconditional love, Connie was there, with her signature sense of humor to cheer me up. Nobody could make you laugh like Connie could, usually at her own expense. I will truly miss you, Aunt Connie, as I lost the one person who I could always count on to be in my corner. May the universe welcome you with open arms.

Lori Repp - May 18, 2024 at 09:20 AM