



Mrs. Emily "Connie" Tunstall

November 18, 1928 - July 21, 2018

Emily "Connie" Tunstall, 89, passed away on Saturday July 21, 2018 at Carolina Reserve of Hendersonville after a ten year courageous battle against Dementia with Lewy body.

A native of Warren, PA, she was the daughter of the late Mary Stillwell Magliari and Harry Conroy.

A small town girl who moved to New York and became a model. In 1951 she married Harry Paul Tunstall in Garden City, NY. After getting married, Emily quit her modeling career and devoted herself to being a full time homemaker and mother.

Emily moved to Asheville in August of 1990 and volunteered for a decade with Project STEAM where she encouraged high risk youth to stay in school, graduate and attend college.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Harry, sister Barbara, and brother Buddie. Emily is survived by her son, Jeffrey Tunstall of Asheville; son, Michael Tunstall of Irvine, CA; daughter, Mary Ann Tunstall of Hendersonville; and son Christopher Tunstall of Hendersonville.

The family will receive friends on Thursday July 26 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Friday July 27 at 2:00pm at Carolina Reserve of Hendersonville, 1820 Pisgah Drive, Hendersonville NC 28791 with Pastor David Warren officiating. Graveside committal will follow at Calvary Churchyard Cemetery in Fletcher, NC.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Emily "Connie" Tunstall*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I love you Mrs. T. Alway's did! Sending love and light to the family.*



Ty Edwards - April 24, 2021 at 09:43 PM

CT

Thank you, Ty! God bless you!

Christopher Tunstall - September 08, 2021 at 06:51 AM

CT

Thank you, Ty! God bless you.

Christopher Tunstall - September 08, 2021 at 06:52 AM

SH

“ *Tunstall Family,
My family and I send our most sincere
condolences for the loss of your sweet and
loving mother "Mrs. T". I remember having so
many fun conversations and walking her from
her car in the parking lot at STEAM as she kicked each tire before
she left the lot. She was a joy and one of the sweetest ladies I have
ever come in contact with. I pray for comfort for your entire family as
you remember all of the wonderful and I am sure funny memories
you all had.*



*Peace and Blessings!
Stephen Hall and Family.*

Stephen Hall - July 27, 2018 at 11:06 AM

CT

*Thank you, Stephen! I had forgotten about Mom kicking her tires until
your post. She was unique for sure. I'm glad you and others involved
with STEAM were able to share time with my Mom. May God bless you
and your family.*

Christopher Tunstall - July 27, 2018 at 08:09 PM

SG

“ Christopher and Mary Ann I know I speak for the entire staff at Carolina Reserve of Hendersonville when I say that we loved your mom deeply and miss her greatly already. In the few short months that I have had the privilege and honor of getting to know her and you, her dear family, you all will forever have an impact on me. Christopher the first time I witnessed you so meticulously putting makeup on your mother on the front porch outside my office window it touched me so much that it made me cry as it did others who at times happened to be in my office to witness. You took your time and put so much love into every gentle touch of the applicators. You always made sure she looked like a model straight out of a magazine! It reminded me of putting makeup on my mother who also had dementia that just passed away several months ago. Mary Ann you also touched me hearing you sing "You are my Sunshine" to her on the porch. I truly wish more families were as close, faithful, committed and loving as the two of you were to your mother....the world would truly be a better place! Thank you for having her service at our "home" so that as many of our staff can attend and be a part of her celebration of a beautiful life and gift of a precious family! Praying for you all.

Sheila Galloway, Executive Director
Carolina Reserve of Hendersonville

Sheila Galloway - July 26, 2018 at 10:35 PM

MT

Thank you Sheila for your gentleness and dedication to ensure all residents feel at home! I am sorry for your loss as well and may we all find peace in our journey.

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 27, 2018 at 07:24 AM

CT

Sheila, I can't thank you and staff enough for all that you did for Mom; as you do for each resident in your care. Mom was always cared for and protected by everyone at Carolina Reserve the way any child would want a parent or loved one cared for when they lose the ability to care for themselves. You and everyone at Carolina Reserve are part of our family. When I spoke with you a few days before Mom passed, you knew how much I was hurting and your hug helped me in my time of need. For this, I am eternally grateful. May God bless you as you continue to celebrate the life of your Mom.

Christopher Tunstall - July 27, 2018 at 08:38 AM

GS

“*So sorry to hear about Aunt Cissy. As a little kid I remember when Aunt Cissy came or we went to visit, she would fuss over me and make me feel so special. Like it was the first time she ever met me. How animated she always was! The pictures you posted were so nice. It is interesting how many things about Aunt Cissy remind me of Mom. She was beautiful inside and out. You obviously took very good care of her. I know you all will miss her terribly. Peace to the family.*

*Love,
Gary and Carol Strandburg*

Gary Strandburg - July 26, 2018 at 02:46 PM

MT

Thank you Gary for the kind words and beautiful memories. Now mom and your mom are reunited forever.

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 08:28 PM

CT

Gary, on behalf of our entire family, thank you for the beautiful flowers from you and other Strandburg cousins. Barbara, Lewis, Dad and Mom are all at peace. And, they are watching over all of us.

Christopher Tunstall - July 27, 2018 at 08:24 AM

DA

“ I will be forever grateful for the gift of knowing this beautiful woman! She was such a wonderful spirit; always happy, loving and laughing. Her laugh was contagious and her smile lit up a room. I always admired her style and remember shopping with her at Fashion Island in Newport Beach, CA. As a young girl, she was one of my biggest supporters of buying Girl Scout cookies (at least 10 boxes a year! - LOL) The picture was taken the last time I saw her, date sometime in the 1980's. Sending huge hugs and blessings to all, she will be missed. Much love; Debbie Kirchner Armond ~ her neice. xo



Debbie Armond - July 26, 2018 at 01:38 PM

MT

Thank you Debbie! Mom loved all of her family...that is a great photo of all of our beautiful family! We all were blessed to be able to share in all the family Christmas's, picnics and laughter. We miss all of you so much!
Love you all

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 02:32 PM

CT

Debbie, thank you for your text yesterday, your kind words and for posting such a great picture. May God bless you and your family. We miss you. Peace

Christopher Tunstall - July 27, 2018 at 08:27 AM

TM

“ We are sorry for your loss, Emily and you will always be family and I will never forget her. We love you . I remember getting kisses everyday and a bright smile to get me through the day.



Tonya mccall - July 26, 2018 at 08:42 AM

MT

Thank you Tonya & Robert, for all the extra special care and attention for all the residents...all the staff for their love and dedication We love you

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 01:10 PM

CT

Mom loved you and staff so much. You've been part of our family for almost three years. And, once family always family. God bless you and everyone at Carolina Reserve of Hendersonville.

Christopher Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 01:19 PM

RT

“ We always loved visiting Emily because of her good nature and wonderful smile. We visited Emily and Harry in Ga., California and Asheville and spent a short get-away with them in Las Vegas. We remember Emily's love of candy and apricot pastries and always had some for her when we visited. Her love for her dog Angel was precious. She was a special person to us and we will miss her. Robbie (Bob) and Vera

Robert Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 08:40 AM

MT

Mom and dad always looked forward to your visits and playing dominoes. Of course cooking a meal and drinking wine topped it off. Love you

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 01:13 PM

CT

Your love has always been present despite any distance. Mom loved spending time with you. Thank you for always being there for us. I love you!

Christopher Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 01:22 PM

RF

“ Roger, Gary, Cindy, DeeDee, Ginny & their families purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Emily "Connie" Tunstall.



Roger, Gary, Cindy, DeeDee, Ginny & their families - July 25, 2018 at 08:55 PM

SS

“ We are so saddened to hear of Aunt Cissy. I can still hear her contagious laugh that brought giggles to all of us . I always loved going to visit all of you and Aunt Cissy with “Su-ling ”!! Love seeing all of the sweet pictures! Praying for God’s comfort and peace for the whole family. Love you. Susie and Gino and family ❤️

susan sobrito - July 25, 2018 at 02:58 PM

CT

God bless you!

Christopher Tunstall - July 25, 2018 at 08:23 PM

MT

Thank you Susan..we all are blessed to have such wonderful memories of all our families together!

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 02:36 PM

KL

“ So sad...I have so many wonderful memories visiting all of my cousins, uncle Harry and especially aunt Cissy. She had such a sweet nature and way about her you couldn't help but fall in love with her. She will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Love Karen and Tom Lombardi

Karen Lombardi - July 25, 2018 at 02:51 PM

CT

Karen, may God always watch over you and your family. Thank you for the kind words.

Christopher Tunstall - July 25, 2018 at 08:24 PM

MT

Thank you Karen....I will always remember the laughter our families shared!

Mary Ann Tunstall - July 26, 2018 at 02:38 PM

SA

“ My fondest memories with Connie are the times we sat together and talked about cakes and cookies. Connie always had a warm smile and kind words for everyone she met. A very classy lady always smiling full of love and joy. I loved our time together and I will always cherish those moments. I always felt loved by Connie & Harry and they made me feel I was part of the family always. Heaven has received the greatest gift....Connie!
Love Sammy



Samantha - July 25, 2018 at 01:25 PM

CT

Sam, Mom loved you and I thank you for being part of our family.

Christopher Tunstall - July 25, 2018 at 09:27 PM



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Morris Funeral Home - July 25, 2018 at 07:33 AM

CT

“ Mom,

I was blessed to have shared 55-years of memories with you. And, those memories are what will give me strength to face life without you until we meet again.

I can still vividly see in my mind's eye how you would stand in our living room in our first home in CA each day as I left for elementary school. I would get my bicycle from the garage and pedal off to school. For six-years without ever missing a day, I'd look towards our home and you would be standing there waiving goodbye to me. The comfort of seeing you always sent me on my way feeling loved.

From the time that I was a child, I always told you that you were an angel on earth. You'd respond with either "You think so?" or "I hope I am." I always responded with, "Yes you're an angel, we just can't see your wings yet." Mom, now you can see your wings and you're flying with other angels in Heaven continuing to spread comfort, compassion and love like you did when alive.

Your outer beauty was only eclipsed by your inner beauty. The angelic qualities that you showed to each and every person you ever met was an amazing gift. Whether it was a stranger's baby that would always stop crying in your presence, to the countless people at the grocery store, bank, beauty salon and other places that would say "Hello Connie" with each person lighting up with joy and happiness when they saw you. Your loving presence touched the lives of everyone you ever met and there was never a single person who didn't immediately fall in love with you.

Even after being diagnosed with Dementia with Lewy body, you fought courageously each day for over 10-years and your loving qualities remained intact until your last breath. Being one of your caregivers was, and forever will remain, one of my hardest challenges in life. Yet, it was also a time that I will cherish the most forever. One thing, of many, that I will miss most is doing your

makeup and hair each day after you lost the ability to so for yourself 4-years ago.

Mom, you remain my best friend, confidante, and mentor. You taught me through your words and actions the importance of unconditional love. You embodied all of the traits of a strong, compassionate and loving person.

Our bond was always strong, unbreakable, and the one thing in life that never changed. For this, I am eternally grateful!

Until we meet again sweetie pie, not a day will pass by that you are not in my thoughts and prayers. I love you Mom more than life itself and I know you will continue to watch over me, protect me and shine your love down upon me like millions of stars that fill the night sky.

With deepest love and gratitude throughout eternity...

Christopher

Christopher Tunstall - July 24, 2018 at 07:04 AM

JR

“*Jeff, Mike, Mary Ann and Chris,
Please know that I am sending all of you love! I love you and your mother and father very much! I will offer my prayers and special intentions for each of you.*

With Love,

Janet Robbins



JM Robbins - July 23, 2018 at 11:39 PM



Thank you, Janet! May each of your days be blessed. Christopher

Christopher Tunstall - July 24, 2018 at 06:21 AM

MY

“Where do I start—so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Tunstall. Everyone in the neighborhood LOVED her!

I can close my eyes and see her lips-pressed-together in a smile with a laugh that always followed.

So kind, too! Imagine this: EVERY week for years she would get her hair done by the local hairdresser at University Park Coiffures. He'd wash and set her hair and fix it just so. But, he never did it as SHE wanted. Every week, then, she'd come home and comb it out and fix it her way!

I found this to be an amazing act of kindness—she never criticized his work and was a loyal local patron. And, she knew what she wanted and fixed it herself!

Loyal is a great word to describe her, too, as family and friends know!

I really can't remember a time where Mrs. Tunstall didn't make me laugh with her stories and candid comments. I credit her for my sense of humor related to “hot flashes”! She would have us in stitches as she'd run to the air conditioning vent in their Woodbridge house. Years later I would recall those stories as my cancer treatments pushed me into an early menopause. Do you think she'd get a chuckle knowing that I think of her with every hot flash I get!!! Mrs. Tunstall was one of “the moms”! She, Mrs. Smith and my mom provided me with a confidence and a sense of community that I am so grateful for to this day. It doesn't matter the time or the distance—she and the others are just down the street. They are welcoming, loving, supportive, funny, and resilient.

Thank you, Mrs. Tunstall, for all you were for your own family and for making me feel like I was a part of that, too!

Love you!

Maureen Robbins Ybarra



Maureen Ybarra - July 23, 2018 at 11:34 PM

CT

Maureen, you've always been my second sister. Thank you!

Christopher Tunstall - July 24, 2018 at 06:27 AM

MT

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Mary Ann Tunstall - July 23, 2018 at 02:45 PM



*WE WISH TO OFFER OUR MOST SINCERE AND HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES TO ALL IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ALL
OTHER RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF EMILY
TUNSTALL UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SCENE ...
REMEMBRANCE*

Clay Marston - July 23, 2018 at 05:44 PM

CT

Although we've yet to meet, we are kindred spirits and I thank you and Wanda for your condolences. Christopher

Christopher Tunstall - July 24, 2018 at 06:24 AM

MT

“ My dear mother...I celebrate you and all the beautiful memories we have had throughout our lives together. Our connection is stronger than just mother-daughter. We are one loving soul that shines bright, stronger and more light than the universe. You brought happiness to our family and we are so blessed to have been able to experience your kindness, love, joy and laughter for so many years. Our world has changed because of you and it will never be the same without you, without your smile and gentle touch. I will carry on your energy in all i do, in honor of your spirit and love. You said til the very end , you were proud of me and I said to you that I was so proud of you, your strength for what you had to endure in the end. We will be reunited and sing our song together again mom because you are and always will be my sunshine!!
Loving you forever,
Mary Ann



Mary Ann Tunstall - July 23, 2018 at 09:06 AM