



Elaine E. Connelly

August 6, 1936 - May 31, 2025

Elaine E. Connelly, 88 of Conestoga passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Penn State Health with her family by her side. Born on August 6, 1936 in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late William and Anna Evans Rittenhouse. She was the wife of Donald L. Connelly who preceded her in death on December 7, 1985.

Elaine worked for House of Precision in New Danville and retired from HDJ Machine Shop. She also enjoyed working for Rebman's on S. Queen Street. Elaine enjoyed the outdoors, whether picking up sticks, spending time in her gardens or relaxing outside. She loved time spent at the beach with her family, especially Whitehouse Beach in Delaware. She and her husband Don enjoyed rides on their Harley.

An outgoing lady, Elaine loved taking walks and talking to her neighbors. She enjoyed writing poetry and eating her sweets, especially 5th avenue bars. Elvis was her all time favorite musician and she was lucky enough to see him in concert one time. She loved her grand dogs and they gave her enjoyment in her later years.

Elaine truly loved being "Mom" to her 4 boys and "Nannie" to her grandchildren. Family was everything to Elaine. She will be deeply missed by her sons, Donald L., Jr., husband of Christine Connelly, Michael S., husband

of Wanda Connelly and Douglas B., husband of Bobbe Connelly, all of Conestoga. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven E. Connelly, survived by his wife, Kim Connelly of Conestoga. She is also, survived by her grandchildren, Shannon, Kristi, Corina, Logan, Kayla, Matthew, Michelle and Ryan and great grandchildren, Casey, Bella, Andrew, Oliver, Molly, Remy, Essme, Talia and Gannen. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Michael S. Connelly, II. Elaine will be dearly missed by her sister, Ann Lovett of Conestoga and was preceded in death by her brother, William Rittenhouse and sister, Florence Murry.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Elaine's funeral service on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 2PM from the Conestoga United Methodist Church, 71 Sandhill Road, Conestoga. Friends will be received at the church on Saturday from 1PM to 2PM. Interment will be held in the adjoining church cemetery. Memorial remembrances may be made in Elaine's memory to Pennsylvania SPCA, 848 S. Prince Street, Lancaster.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga UM Church Cemetery

71 Sand Hill Road
Conestoga, PA 17516

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Conestoga United Methodist Church
71 Sand Hill Rd
Conestoga, PA 17516
(717) 872-2907

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ To All of the Connelly Family, its been many years ago, in the 70s that I was at Mr & Mrs Connellys home quite often. Such a wonderful Family💕. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Terry (Wyble) Taylor

Terry Taylor - June 06, 2025 at 06:20 PM

SC

“ Steven, Bonnie, Samantha,Julia & Vic Cay purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine E. Connelly.



Steven, Bonnie, Samantha,Julia & Vic Cay - June 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM

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“ Steven, Bonnie, Samantha,Julia & Vic Cay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine E. Connelly.

Steven, Bonnie, Samantha,Julia & Vic Cay - June 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM

FF

“ From Mary Burton and Ed Burton Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elaine E. Connelly.



From Mary Burton and Ed Burton Families - June 03, 2025 at 10:47 AM

AB

“ To Elaine's family,
I met Elaine when I worked at the Bank. She was such a nice lady. I always enjoyed talking with her. She always made me smile. Thoughts and prayers to all her family. Sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Anita Brooks

Anita C Brooks - June 03, 2025 at 09:55 AM

CF

“ To the Connelly family, Sorry for your loss .We always thought your mom was one of the nicest people. Great mom .She will be missed. Hang on to the happy moments.with love Chrissi Fair,Linda Stewart. (Brubaker girls)

Chrissiann Fair - June 03, 2025 at 07:03 AM

BM

“ Doug and Bobbe,

Learned of Doug's mom's passing while reading Lancaster Online this morning. Sending sympathy to you and your immediate family. My mom went to Heaven on March 23rd at age 101, so I join you in grieving your loss and then remembering the good times with our moms. I will not be able to attend the funeral as I will be in Williamsport for my granddaughter's graduation over that time. May God bless you and your family as you say your earthly goodbye to your mom. She will watch over you from above from now until you join her someday in Heaven. ❤️

Beverly S. Martin - June 03, 2025 at 06:08 AM