



## Connie Sue Dionne

March 10, 1960 - August 26, 2023

Connie Sue Dionne, age 63 of Herscher passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Victoria General Hospital, Victoria British Columbia where she was taken after becoming ill on an Alaskan Cruise. She was born March 10, 1960, in Kankakee, the daughter of Floyd and Geraldine (Denault) Tobenski. Connie married Rex Dionne on April 21, 1979, at St. James Catholic Church, Irwin. Connie was a radio personality for WLRT Radio. Some may know her as a beautician or working at Herscher High School in the cafeteria. She was a graduate of Herscher High School, attended beauty school and broadcasting school. Connie enjoyed weaving rugs, music concerts, hairdressing, and traveling. Most of all, Connie loved spending time with her grandchildren. Surviving is her husband, Rex of Herscher; one son and daughter-in-law, Tobey and Chelsea Dionne of Valparaiso, IN; one daughter and son-in-law, Kalee and Jonathan Pair of Frisco, TX; one sister, Pam Kennedy of Channahon; one brother-in-law, Robert Hensley of Naples, FL; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Janice Tobenski of Irwin, Randy and Jill Tobenski of Kankakee; and four grandchildren, Carter Sutton, Hadley Sutton, Mila Pair, and Rex Dionne.

Connie is preceded in death by parents; two sisters, Vicki Hensley and her twin sister, Bonnie Draper.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. memorial service on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home,

Bourbonnais. Reverend Ron Neitzke will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopeful Beginning of St. Mary's Adoption Agency.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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# Tribute Wall

DO

“ *The Lord has a new angel in Connie. She touched so many lives with her laughter and cheeriest personality. Rex and Connie were fellow church members at St. James in Irwin. I never saw her without a smile. Rex, may God give you and your family comfort and peace, and may the best memories sustain you. Our sympathies...Doug & Donna Denault*

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**Donna** - September 14, 2023 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ *I am saddened of the loss of this wonderful and loving gal. Full of love and full of life is exactly how I will keep her in my heart. RIP Connie  
My prayers of strength to Rex and family.*

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**Dee Sarowitz** - September 04, 2023 at 07:20 PM

MB

“ *So merry and kindhearted; the peal of your rowdy laugh like a big, warm hug. Love you always, Con.*

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**MB** - September 03, 2023 at 11:41 AM

DK

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of this lovely lady. So very saddened to hear of her passing. I met her and her cute twin as they were flower girls in their Uncle Maynards wedding. They were adored by all who knew them. May the good lord be with all of you at this most difficult time.*

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**Dewey Kilbride** - September 02, 2023 at 07:35 AM

AD

“ *Aimee Denault lit a candle in memory of  
Connie Sue Dionne*



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**Aimee Denault** - September 01, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SW

“ *My husband and I met Connie and Rex on the Alaska cruise.  
Connie and Barry (my husband) hit it off from the beginning. Both  
are longtime hair stylist. We feel in love with her and her fun loving  
spirit. One night after a show, Connie went over to each performer  
and gave them words of encouragement to follow their dreams. She  
had it all. We are sorry we didn't get to know her longer. Barry and  
Sharon Wagner The Villages FL.*

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**Sharon Wagner** - August 31, 2023 at 09:34 PM

LG

“ *So very sorry for your loss! Last time I saw Connie was at Bonnie's  
service! She was so bubbly and always had a smile on her face!  
Such an amazing lady! I went to high school with her! We had so  
much fun especially in marching band! She will be missed! She will  
always be with you and watching over you! My thoughts and  
prayers are with you! Lisa Gronert*

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**Lisa Gronert** - August 31, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to Connie’s families. I was a classmate of Connie’s since fourth grade to high school graduation at herscher. I remember she was always the light in the room and will be truly missed.



Charlene Butler (Winterroth) - August 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

PC

“ So sorry for your loss. What a great person always smiling.

patricia coy - August 31, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ Your family has our sympathy at this most difficult time.

joecarolfritz - August 30, 2023 at 10:33 PM

HM

“ Hopeful Beginnings Of St. Mary's lit a candle in memory of Connie Sue Dionne



Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's - August 30, 2023 at 10:14 PM

HM

Our deepest condolences to all Connie's family, from everyone at Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's

Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's - August 30, 2023 at 10:17 PM

TB

“ I grew up with Connie in Irwin, so was always bubbly and pleasant.

Terry Blanchette - August 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM

JG

“ *Connie was a gem. Great lady with a bubbly personality. Prayers for Rex and all her family.* ”



Jo Ellen Grandpre - August 30, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CD

“ *I am so sorry to see this. Connie was such a beautiful person inside and out. Met her in Herscher when we were 17 dancing on tables. Those were the best days. So sorry to Rex, family and all who knew her. 🥺* ”

crystal Thompson Diepeveen - August 29, 2023 at 09:14 PM

MD

“ *Uncle Maynard has a lifetime of memories of Connie, and I only share memories of 60 years, but they've been nothing but “good, sweet and loving”. Not able to attend the services as we're out of town, but we'll be sending a memorial donation to Dennis in her memory. Hugs, kisses, and love from Uncle Maynard, Aunt Barb, and family.* ”

Maynard and Barb Denault - August 29, 2023 at 08:15 PM

EM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Much love to you and your family during this time.* ”



Emily - August 29, 2023 at 07:38 PM

LB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jeff and LoriAnn Bruer



loriann bruier - August 29, 2023 at 07:13 PM

RR

“ So deeply sorry for your loss. What a lovely person she was... R.I.P.  
Dennis and Roxanne Rasmussen



Roxanne Rasmussen - August 29, 2023 at 05:25 PM

RH

“ So deeply sorry to hear about the loss of Connie. She had such a fun loving, outing going, bubbly personality & oh that smile. Connie will be definitely missed by so many. Love & prayers to Rex, Tobey, Kalee & the entire family. ❤️🙏❤️🙏



Ron & Sharon Hoffman - August 29, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Connie. She was a very special loving, funny person. My first encounter with Connie was at the bank and she made my job easy because she was funny and loving. My prays go out to her family. I know there is a special place in heaven for her. She was the kindest loving soul.

*Prays to all.0*

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**Susan Pridemore** - August 29, 2023 at 02:19 PM

SP

“ Susan Pridemore lit a candle in memory of Connie Sue Dionne



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**Susan Pridemore** - August 29, 2023 at 01:39 PM

CB

“ We will miss Connie. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, and friend. She lived an a blessed and beautiful life and her family is the perfect example. Two stunning, kind, wonderful, successful, and loving children. A husband as her best friend to travel the world alongside. She was a beautiful soul and she left a beautiful legacy. Rest in peace, Connie.

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**Colette Bayuk** - August 29, 2023 at 01:14 PM

LK

“ Our friendship was brief. We met on the cruise. What a pistol! So full of life and love! And the gift of gab lol. The news of her situation on the cruise was disturbing and shocking. Was waiting to have dinner with her and Rex when we got the information. So surreal. She loved everyone and so proud of her children and grandchildren. Now she is with Bonnie. Our deepest sympathy to Rex, their children and grandchildren. Rest in peace sweet Connie.

Linda Kelchlin - August 29, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LL

“ The disbelief I feel since hearing of Connie's passing is indescribable. I went to high school with Connie and she also was my hair stylist for years. When I think of her now, it is all about her endless energy, and her huge smile all the time. The warm hugs she would give when we would bump into each other in Kankakee, and that hearty laugh that was all hers. We lost track of each other when I moved to Tennessee 13 years ago, but you will always be in my heart Connie. Thoughts and prayers for comfort and healing to her family.

Lora Corum Luce - August 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM

RG

“ My deepest condolences to all the family and friends, so sorry for your loss.  
Rest Easy Lady



Randy Gumkowski - August 29, 2023 at 09:02 AM

SU

“ My sweet friend Connie, all the trouble we got into in high school. For talking...of all things. Can you even imagine? I last seen you about three or four years ago at Casey's. We talked about Mila I bet an hour, car doors open the whole time. You were so in love with her. I couldn't believe it when Bonnie passed and now you. I pray God wraps Kalee, brother Toby and your Father ( including spouses and little ones) in his loving arms and just holds you so tight. I know how all your heart's physically hurt, I wish there was a way to stop it but that's not happening. I read somewhere “ If you feel Grief, then you have experienced Love” and it's true. I will continue to pray for your family, I know you'll be keeping an eye on them Rest in peace Connie, you will be missed



Sue - August 29, 2023 at 12:38 AM

SU

I meant your husband Rex, not your Father. I'm sorry.

Sue - August 29, 2023 at 12:48 AM

JT

We are so sorry for you loss,Rex...Jim & Maureen Thomas

Jim Thomas - August 29, 2023 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Mary Ann Senesac lit a candle in memory of Connie Sue Dionne



Mary Ann Senesac - August 28, 2023 at 11:34 PM

BG

“ I did not know Connie Sue personally and only know of her daughter from her time on the news in Chicago. That being said I want to send my deepest condolences to Kaille and the rest of the family. I pray that God gives you some comfort and that the memories of mom bring you joy amidst the tears. I and my church family will continue to hold you in prayer. May the angels lead her into paradise. Peace and Love

*Fr. Bob Gilbert*

*Pastor*

*Our Lady of Kibeho catholic parish*

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**Bob G** - August 28, 2023 at 11:02 PM

LC

“ Linda Cyrier lit a candle in memory of Connie Sue Dionne



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**Linda Cyrier** - August 28, 2023 at 10:31 PM

BJ

“ Denny and family, so very, very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.

*Barb (Jensen) Jackson*

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**Barb Jackson** - August 28, 2023 at 04:31 PM