



Harry Daniel O'Connor

August 24, 1952 - March 29, 2009

Harry Daniel "Padre" O'Connor, 56, of Herscher, passed away Sunday (March 29, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, 1480 W. Court St., Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at St. James Catholic Church, Main St., Irwin. Father Mike Pennock will officiate. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Irwin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes. Harry was the business owner of O'Connor Landscaping in Herscher for the past 35 years. He received a degree in landscape design from Danville Community College, serving an internship in Oregon. He was very proud of his chosen profession and was truly appreciative of his loyal customers. He was an avid Chicago White Sox fan and pet lover. He enjoyed his Irish heritage and his trips to Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland, where his family originated. Harry adored his family and friends and spent his entire life making them happy. Harry was a simple man and his life's motto was "Don't sweat the small stuff." He was born Aug. 24, 1952, in Kankakee, the son of John Edward "Ted" and Bonita Keller O'Connor. Surviving are his wife, Cynthia Marie "Cindy" O'Connor, whom he married June 16, 2000, in Grant Park; sons, Daniel Brennan O'Connor of Chicago, Robert Kelly "Rob" O'Connor of Norfolk, Va.; daughters, Elizabeth Eyvonne "Lisa" O'Connor of Joliet, Ashley Elizabeth O'Connor of Bourbonnais; stepson, Shawn Stearns (Kira Goyette) of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Mason, Aiden and Emily Stearns of Bourbonnais; sisters, Ruth

(Duane) Sharper of Bonfield, Theresa (Floyd) Brown of Herscher, Diana (Elizabeth) O'Connor of Dillsboro, Ind.; brother, Edward (Mary Beth) O'Connor of Herscher; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Irene.

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“ Ashley Im so sorry for the loss of your dad. Our sincere condolences to you and your family..Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May Our Lord comfort you in your loss. With deepest sympathy, Buddy i ½and Darcy Drummer.

##imported-begin##Darcy & Buddy Drummer##imported-end##

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“ Ruth, Ed, Theresa,

I am so sorry to hear of Harrys passing.

What a great brother to have.You have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Jerry Dittrich##imported-end##

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“ Just wanted to express our sympathy. i ½Harry was a great guy!!! i ½We are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Gerry and Donna Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire O'Connor family.... as kids growing up we all spent many hours playing together in Chebanse at Aunt Ginny and Uncle Amy's house... What memories were created.....Aunt Bon's kids were our cousins as much as the Wilking kids were....Much love to everyone and ĩ½May God Bless you all..... ĩ½ĩ½##imported-begin##Priscilla Williams##imported-end##

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“ Very sorry for your loss.

Amanda##imported-begin##Amanda (Leonard) Cline##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for you loss. Lisa, you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Ann Donaghy##imported-end##

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“ My wife Carol and I met Harry in 1978 when we hired him to draw up a landscape drawing for our front and back yard at our new home in Manteno. What a great job he did and I'll remember him as very remarkable and nice person. God bless all of you.

 ĩ½Joe & Carol Cochran##imported-begin##Joe Cochran##imported-end##

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“ Deepest sympathy on your sudden loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Corinna & Michael McChuen##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. The goog die too young.##imported-begin##D'Arcy &Denise Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Im sorry for the loss of your father. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Krista Barnett##imported-end##

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“ Received word of Harry's passing. ĩ½He was a dear friend from the past. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family at this time. Doug always enjoyed his time with Harry and I know we really don't want to know all the stories from their DJC days. ĩ½Boys can be boys as they say. ĩ½Just know that Doug will always smile when we remember Harry. ĩ½We were blessed to have known him. ĩ½

Take care,

Doug and Deb Longest##imported-begin##Doug and Deb Longest##imported-end##

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“ Cindy and family,

Todd and I send all our love and heartfelt sympathies from Naples. It was just about a year ago that you and Harry were here celebrating our family reunion. It wouldn't have been the same without the two of you. Just remember that your Florida family loves you and are thinking of you and your family.

Love you cuz!

Marcia

##imported-begin##Marcia (Stearns) & Todd Muller##imported-end##

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“ Dear Theresa and family,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Harry. He was such a wonderful man. My daughter spent many days and nights with Lisa while they were in school and she always said what a wonderful person he was. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Your friend always,

Diane Sorensen##imported-begin##Diane Sorensen##imported-end##

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You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to share a few good laughs with Harry in my life time. ##imported-begin##Stefanie K Gardner##imported-end##

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“ Cindy, Deepest Sympathy on your sudden and devastating loss. It is a tremendous loss to the family and community.##imported-begin##Tim O'Connor##imported-end##

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“ Cindy...what a shock! ĩ½My prayers and thoughts be with you. ĩ½I remember meeting Harry (and you) at O'Hare on the way to Ireland. ĩ½Dingle will not be the same without Harry O'Connor.##imported-begin##jack w. scully##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Please know that we are praying for you and your family. Cherish all those happy memories and continue to share those great stories about your Dad.##imported-begin##Todd & Kathryn Theobald##imported-end##

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“ Cindy,

You are in our prayers. ĩ½I know what a wonderful relationship you and Harry shared. ĩ½You we're his true love. ĩ½We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. ĩ½You we're shorted years with Harry but be blessed with many memories. ĩ½They are priceless.

God's Blessings,

Bryan,
Kelly,Emily,Abigail,Annabelle & JB Smith##imported-begin##The Bryan Smith Family##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to you Cindy, and all the family.##imported-begin##Don & Elsie Schafer##imported-end##

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“ There are no words to fully express the sadness and sorrow I feel. I hold you all near and dear to my heart as you have been a part of my family for as long as I can remember. Cindy, Rob, and Ashley please know that you are in my thoughts and I send you love. There are no words to erase the pain but there are those who are here to share that pain with you. You are not alone.##imported-begin##Michelle Francis##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Maynard Olsen and Family##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Bob & Dawn Fleischauer##imported-end##

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“ my prayers and thoughts are with you all and I am sorry for your lost##imported-begin##Scott Bloomquist##imported-end##

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