



Connie G. Gonnella

July 20, 1938 - September 19, 2025

Concetta Geraldine “Connie” (Mezzacapo) Gonnella, age 87, of Dyer, Indiana, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2025. She was born on July 20, 1938, in Erie, Pennsylvania, to the late Frank and Helen Mezzacapo.

Connie was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Frank and Helen Mezzacapo; her devoted husband, Antonio “Tony” B. Gonnella; her brother, Anthony “Tony” Mezzacapo; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Guilio and Maria DiNicola; and her sister-in-law, Patricia “Pat” Mezzacapo.

She is survived by her brothers, Angelo Mezzacapo and Jerry Trott (wife Donna); her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Giovanni “John” and Rosaria “Rose” Gonnella; her son, Antonio “Tony” Gonnella (wife Leslie); and her daughter, Elsa Zell (husband Mike). She was a proud grandmother to Ashley Foresta (husband Adam), Allyson Beiswanger (husband Bill), and Olivia Gonnella, and a loving great-grandmother to Alexa Reeder, Aspen Foresta, and Brooklyn, Willow, and William Beiswanger. She also leaves behind cherished step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and close friends and family members who will miss her dearly.

Connie’s life was defined by her faith, her devotion to family, and the traditions she made, which will be continued on by her children, grandchildren, and

great-grandchildren. She built a home filled with warmth, laughter, and love, where everyone felt welcome.

Her kitchen was always the heart of her home. Connie was especially known for her well-loved meatballs, the heart of so many meals and memories, and no one ever left her table hungry. For Connie, meals were never just food — they were an act of love, a way of bringing people together, and a reflection of her deep generosity.

A woman of strong Christian faith, Connie lived her life guided by prayer, devotion, and trust in the Lord. She passed down the values of faith, kindness, and perseverance, and her legacy continues through the lives of those she loved.

To her family, she was everything a mother and grandmother should be — loving, strong, and irreplaceable.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, IN.

A Funeral Service will immediately follow on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Memory Lane Funeral Home. Connie will be laid to rest beside her husband, Tony at Memory Lane Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home
6305 W. Lincoln Highway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Entombment

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the all family and friends. We only learned of Connie's passing today. Alan and Peggy Ann Jordano, Erie PA*

ALAN JORDANO - October 01, 2025 at 02:03 PM

TG

Thank you so much for your support. Tony, Leslie and Olivia.

Tony Gonnella - November 01, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LD

“ *Love, The DiNicola's purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.*



Love, The DiNicola's - September 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM

NR

“ *"Connie, may you rest in peace". Tony, Elsa, and family, your parents, as well as ours, shared a bond that was truly special. Your family will always hold a special place in my heart."*
Nick, Teresa & Family Ricchiuto

Nick R - September 23, 2025 at 11:08 AM

TG

*Thank you so much for your support.
Tony, Leslie and Olivia.*

Tony Gonnella - November 01, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LF

“ Love, The Bertrand Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Love, The Bertrand Family - September 22, 2025 at 11:00 PM

LR

“ Larry and Sherry Ratcliff purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Larry and Sherry Ratcliff - September 22, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LR

“ Larry and Sherry Ratcliff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.

Larry and Sherry Ratcliff - September 22, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



September 22, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JR

“ Jonathan, Megan, Noah, Hannah Ratcliff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Jonathan, Megan, Noah, Hannah Ratcliff - September 22, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JR

“ Jonathan, Megan, Noah, Hannah Ratcliff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.

Jonathan, Megan, Noah, Hannah Ratcliff - September 22, 2025 at 12:40 PM

TF

“ The Del Sangro Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



The Del Sangro Family - September 21, 2025 at 09:42 PM

LE

“ Love, Sammy Jo, Josh, Linnea, and Eliza purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Love, Sammy Jo, Josh, Linnea, and Eliza - September 21, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



September 21, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Ricchiuto family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Ricchiuto family - September 21, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ Bill, Ally, Brooklyn, William & Willow purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Bill, Ally, Brooklyn, William & Willow - September 21, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Bill, Ally, Brooklyn, William & Willow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.

Bill, Ally, Brooklyn, William & Willow - September 21, 2025 at 04:15 PM

LE

“ Tony, Elsa, and Family; We loved having your mom as our neighbor. Your mom's kindness & warmth will never be forgotten. She made Cal City brighter for all of us. She brought us joy in the simplest and most beautiful ways—welcoming smiles & big waves from across the street, always kind words, and special moments sharing her marshmallow ice cream out on her porch. Connie had a gift for making people feel at home.

In Loving Memory of Our Sweet Neighbor, Connie & Deepest Sympathy,

Donna Bednarczyk

Leann & Eric

Rae & Shawn

Cari & Dennis



Leann - September 21, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TG

*Thank you so much for your kind words and support.
Tony, Leslie and Olivia.*

Tony Gonnella - November 01, 2025 at 10:02 PM

LF

“ *Lucina Gibson, your forever friend. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.*



Lucina Gibson, your forever friend. - September 21, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CM

“ *Clementa Mannarelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.*

Clementa Mannarelli - September 21, 2025 at 09:57 AM

LD

“ *Love, Donna, Jerry , David and Debbie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.*



Love, Donna, Jerry , David and Debbie - September 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM

LD

“ *Love, Donna, Jerry , David and Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.*

Love, Donna, Jerry , David and Debbie - September 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM

EL

“ *Le nostre più sentite condoglianze per la grave perdita di una mamma dolce e gentile, così la ricorderemo sempre. Un abbraccio grande, Innocenza e Elisabetta.*



Elisabetta - September 21, 2025 at 04:12 AM

LA

“ Love, Aspen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Love, Aspen - September 21, 2025 at 12:27 AM

AA

“ Ashley and Adam purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Ashley and Adam - September 21, 2025 at 12:04 AM

WA

“ With all my love, Your Alexa purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



With all my love, Your Alexa - September 20, 2025 at 11:42 PM

FM

“ Aunt Connie will be Greatly Missed!! I enjoyed all our visits together. My family moved to Washington State in 1974. I will always cherish the time and fun memories we had together while visiting her and my two favorite Cousins Tony and Elsa in Chicago.. Love always Frank Anthony Mezzacapo.

Frank Mezzacapo - September 20, 2025 at 10:32 PM

FM

“ Frank Mezzacapo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Frank Mezzacapo - September 20, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TF

“ The Joyce Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



The Joyce Family - September 20, 2025 at 09:10 PM

ED

“ Eva, Sally and Luca DiNicola purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Eva, Sally and Luca DiNicola - September 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM

PL

“ Phil, Catherine, Lexi and Sam Larkins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Connie G. Gonnella.



Phil, Catherine, Lexi and Sam Larkins - September 20, 2025 at 05:59 PM

PL

“ *Phil, Catherine, Lexi and Sam Larkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie G. Gonnella.*

Phil, Catherine, Lexi and Sam Larkins - September 20, 2025 at 05:59 PM