



Constance M. Upper

January 16, 1942 - January 9, 2016

Constance M. (Brown) Upper, age 73, of Dublin, OH, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Kobacker House after a brief, courageous battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Born in Columbus to the late Harold C. and Johannah Brown, she was a graduate of Columbus Eastmoor High School, Class of 1960. She attained her Bachelor's degree from Ohio University and her Master's degree from Xavier University. Connie retired in 2001 after a nearly 40-year career with the Ohio Department of Corrections, most recently as a Board Member of the Ohio Parole Board. She was a member and past president (1982) of Columbus Assembly #79, Social Order of the Beauceant and also served as past Supreme Chaplain. Connie is survived by her beloved husband of 43 years, James L. Upper of Dublin; sisters Carole E. Phillips of Columbus, Lorena (Scott) Hazdra of Albuquerque, NM and Shannon Janicki of Naperville, IL; step-mother Freddie Ann Brown of Albuquerque; daughters: Mary (Eric) Moorehead of Ashburn, VA and Diane (Keith) Kang of Anaheim, CA; grandchildren: Shelby Moorehead, Alex Moorehead and Brianne Kang; many nieces and nephews; and many loving friends. Family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00p.m. SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where a Memorial Service will follow at 4:00p.m. (During the Memorial Service friends will be invited to share their favorite memories of Connie.) In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to: The Faith Mission, 245 North Grant

Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215, www.faithmissionofohio.org or The Salvation Army of Central Ohio, 966 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205 www.co.salvationarmy.org. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Upper Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Constance M. Upper*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - January 19, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ *Constance M. Upper*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your lovely Constance! She had a great impact on me and I will miss her. I will never forget her. She was one of a kind and was Classy and lovely. It was a privilege to be her friend.*

Judy Maurer Powel, Ohio

Judy Maurer - January 17, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ *Connie was a lifelong friend of my family. I remember going to her and Jim's house as a little girl and having a great time. She has been a best friend to my mother, Janet Ullman, and will be missed dearly by all of us!*

Shannon Smith - January 16, 2016 at 09:52 PM

AM

“*Connie always had a smile for me and for all of the staff when she came into the office. She was a very kind and sweet lady. We talked often because of our love for creating poems or stories of some sort for a memorable occasion. She loved the "Parole Board Exodus" poster that I created at the request of Margarett when so many Board Members and Hearing Officers retired at one time. She gave me a book, 'The complete rhyming dictionary' and in it she wrote:*

"Dearest Ardith, Every poet needs a rhyming dictionary! Many thanks for all your kindnesses to me. You are a special person. Fondly, Connie Upper 9/28/2001". Needless to say, I considered her a special person and I cherish that book.

Everyone remembers her love of matching earrings, purses, and clothes. One day she had on a pair of zebra striped clip on earrings and I told her that I had a shirt that matched those earrings perfectly. She took them off her ears and handed them to me and told me that she would love for me to have them. That's the kind of woman Connie Upper was. She was loved by everyone who knew her. I will always remember her with a smile on my face and a warmth in my heart.

Rest in peace dear Connie, I love you, Ardith McCoy

Ardith McCoy - January 16, 2016 at 11:37 AM

GJ

“ Dearest Jim & family,
I was so sad to hear of Connie's passing. As a co-worker, we spent many days together, sharing workplace experiences but "life" experiences also. She was a friend and sister to me for many years. Jim, we know we will grieve her loss, but let us not remember the day or how she left this world, but let us remember how she lived in this world. She was kind, caring, always giving of herself. I as well as many others felt the love she so unselfishly gave. God has said...weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. I will be praying that you and the family may find peace. Connie, will always hold a very special place in my heart. Gloria R.Andrews Jones, Cleveland, OH. Former co-worker.

Gloria R. Andrews Jones - January 16, 2016 at 10:57 AM

DM

“ "If one is lucky in a career, in a life, there are people in our lives that make a difference, that we connect with in a meaningful way. Connie was one of those people for me. I came to know her as someone who believed in the innate goodness of human nature, despite the terrible things that people are capable of doing to other people. Connie had tremendous compassion and empathy for all human beings. She understood that people have the capacity to control their destiny, to change their lives for the better, and to find redemption. Connie was a true and gentle spirit with resilience and strength, genuine and kind of heart."
- Dale Matthews

Dale Matthews - January 15, 2016 at 07:49 PM

JS

“ Your mother was a dear friend and mentor to me. The age difference (21 years) did not matter to her. She saw me as an equal. She was one of my biggest cheerleaders as I juggled being a wife, mother, and working woman. She kept me on task and point during my return to college to finally get a degree (2003 to 2008). She and others helped arrange a surprise celebration for me at a Beauceant meeting right after I finished my final course work and was told I had graduated (February 2008)! We both experienced certain challenges in common in life. I am privileged to have shared confidences with her. She was always there for me with love, advise, and encouragement. She was one of my biggest supporters through the battle with breast cancer in 2014 to 2015.

It will be wonderful to see her again one day. God has an amazing angel up there now!

Janet Sharritts - January 15, 2016 at 08:25 AM

GF

“ Good-Bye Connie. We had been friends since elementary school. You were always a favorite of mine. + Many blessings to Jim and, Carole and, your family.

Gary Fisherbaugh

Gary Fisherbaugh - January 14, 2016 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ Dear Jim and "All Family Members." What a "Loss of such a Precious Lady." She was so sincere and her Beauty was on the inside as well as her awesome radiant smile. She was a True Beauceant Sister and her poems and her "Proud As A Peacock" style will always be remembered. We were "Sisters" for 28 years and it seems like a Lifetime of pure JOY. During her illness, she was "One "Strong, Brave Lady and a comfort to all of us." BOTH you and Connie have left gentle footprints on our hearts and from all the many lives you have touched. We continue to keep you in our daily prayers.

Donna and Gary Shoemaker

Donna Shoemaker - January 13, 2016 at 10:06 PM

BR

“ Carole, Jim and family.Havent seen Connie since OU days but know she was one of the nicest girls I ever met. Know how hard it is to lose a sister. Love and prayers to you all Betty and John.

Betty Russo - January 13, 2016 at 06:28 PM

MG

“ Jim and family,
You all have my deepest sympathy on the passing of the wonderful Connie. She was a co/worker and a great friend. I will miss her so much because she was one of the few authentic people that I had the privilege of knowing. I will never forget her kindness and thoughtfulness in all things worthwhile. She was one of a kind and will forever be held in a special place in my memories.

*Warmest Regards
Margarette Ghee*

margarette t ghee - January 13, 2016 at 02:46 PM

MC

“ From the very first time I met Connie, which was at a Beauceant meeting at Columbus no. 79, I always remembered what a classy lady with beautiful hair. She made me feel welcome. Her work impressed me & I knew she was very important to that assembly. My prayers are with Jim & her family.

Meldia Childers - January 13, 2016 at 10:24 AM

DL

“ Jim, Mary and Diane:

I had the honor of working alongside your Mother for three years until she retired. She was one of the sweetest, most professional ladies I have ever worked with. I and others had the utmost respect for your Mother and I remember her talking about Jim and you girls on many occasions. May God Bless you and give you strength at this difficult time.

*Douglas L. Linker
Genoa, OH*

Douglas Linker - January 12, 2016 at 10:03 PM

JU

“ Too many memories to share over the 40 years of our friendship. Connie was like a sister to me. She was the most gracious, kind, loving person I have ever known; always thinking of others first. Her strong belief in God tells me she is in his arms. God be with the family and loved ones.
Janet

Janet Ullman - January 12, 2016 at 01:00 PM