



Henry J. Conner

October 25, 1929 - August 30, 2022

TOWNSEND: Henry J. “Jim” Conner, 92, a lifelong resident of Townsend died peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at his home with family by his side.

Jim was born in Townsend, October 25, 1929, a son of Charles A. and Margaret M. (Milton) Conner and was a 1948 graduate of Townsend High School. Following his graduation from High School, Jim enlisted and served three years in the United States Army.

From 1955 – 1982 Jim owned and operated Don & Jim’s Television Repair Service in Fitchburg. In 1982 he went to work for eleven years as a civil servant at the former Fort Devens as an electronics technician. Following his retirement from Fort Devens, he assisted his sons and daughter in law as a part time employee in their business, Squannacook River Outfitters in Townsend. He was a member of the Townsend American Legion Post and Townsend VFW Post.

Jim will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him for his generous nature, as he was always there to help others in need. He was quick witted with a great sense of humor and loved a good prank. Jim loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing trips to Maine with family and friends, skating on the Harbor Pond and cross country skiing on occasion. Upon retiring, Jim enjoyed golfing and woodworking, where he created gifts from his many

carvings that are treasured today by those who received them. Jim loved to play cards and he especially looked forward to a nightly cribbage game with his beloved wife Ruth.

Jim was an all-around handy man who could build or fix anything and was always there to help family and friends on countless projects. He was a talented self-taught musician, who during his lifetime learned to play many instruments including the organ, guitar and banjo. On many weekends and holidays, Jim would play the organ in his living room, as his family gathered and listened intently enjoying the selection of songs he was playing that day.

Jim loved his family deeply and looked forward to gathering at Haynes Rd for a Sunday dinner, birthday party, cook out or to just spend time together.

Jim leaves his wife of 65 years, Ruth F. (Furlong) Conner; four sons, David C. Conner and wife Pamela of Jupiter, FL, Thomas P. Conner and wife Darlene of Townsend, Timothy J. Conner and wife Candice of Sharon, NH, Christopher J. Conner and wife Michelle of Townsend; two sisters, Jean McGrath of Milford, NH, Alice Selfridge of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Ryan Conner, Allison Chase, Corey Conner, Lauren Conner, Dylan Conner, Jaret Conner, Riley Conner, four great grandchildren, Penelope Chase, Henry Chase, Emmett Chase and Calli Conner and two great great grandchildren, Doniven Conner and Elijah Conner

He was predeceased by his son, Michael H. Conner of Kentucky last year and was the brother of the late Charles Conner, Lawrence Conner, Stanley Conner, Margaret Martel, Ethel Angelini, Ruth Wiiks, Charlotte Bennett and Helen Dodge.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, September 2, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Burial

with military honors will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

Jim's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period on Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

31 Highland St
Townsend, MA 01469

Previous Events

Calling Hour

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ Just recently learned of Uncle Jim's passing (and his son Mike's passing as well) . . . very sorry to hear it. I have amazing memories of Uncle Jim, Aunt Ruth and all the boys. We visited Townsend and stayed at their house a number of times as kids and had a great time every time! I have one of Uncle Jim's fabulous piggy bank creations (inscribed Kelly's Koins), and I treasure it. Sending thoughts to the entire family. He was a wonderful uncle!

Kelly (Conner) Alliss - January 04, 2023 at 04:17 PM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to the Conner's family. My Dad had a lifelong friendship with Jim. He has so many stories from childhood and throughout their lives. My Dad and our family will miss him dearly. Sincerely Chester Morrison and the Morrison family.

Carol Morrison - September 11, 2022 at 01:44 PM

JM

“ Just hearing of Jim's passing from my folks. Very sorry to hear the sad news and sending Ruth, Dave, Tom, Tim, Chris and the rest of the family my sincere condolences. Jim's passing conjured up some fond memories growing up on Haynes Road and spending a lot of time at their house and yard. One of the most welcoming, warm people and neighbor you could ask for. The fishing trips to Maine are some of best earliest memories as a kid I got to enjoy with Jim, my Dad and everyone on those trips. Truly instilled a love of the outdoors in me and Jim was a big part of that. May he Rest In Peace. I hope he is fishing or golfing somewhere in eternity.

John Micalizzi

John M. Micalizzi - September 05, 2022 at 06:18 PM

DB

“ My condolences to all of the Conner family! Jim was a special person and a good friend. I have several of his carvings and will always cherish them. He loved life and had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed stopping in to visit on my walks with my dogs, how he loved Fred the basset hound and Penny my chihuahua mix he called her Pennygirl and always gave them treats. He will be missed! May he Rest In Peace! I'm sorry I missed the funeral I didn't know about it until this afternoon. 🙏

Diane Bonner - September 02, 2022 at 03:12 PM

GC

“ Uncle Jim and Aunt Ruth always welcomed me to stay their home ever since I was a kid. Always the prankster, one time he frosted a piece of wood and gave it to a friend as a birthday cake. I will always remember the fishing and canoeing trips in Maine. Rest in peace, Uncle Jim. You'll be missed.

Gary Conner - September 01, 2022 at 01:12 PM

JM

Gary,
That frosted piece of wood was for my wife's 40th birthday. After blowing out the candles, she tried cutting into it. Everyone went crazy laughing. Jim was the best neighbor we ever had.
Joe Micalizzi

Joseph Micalizzi - September 01, 2022 at 01:29 PM

AB

Oh Jim, I am so blessed to have known you for the short time we had. Jim you are so truly loved by your family. RIP my friend 🙏❤️

Amy Bonilla - September 06, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Henry J. Conner.*



September 01, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Ruth and family, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was always so fun to be around. I'm sure there is already a card game going on with Lucy and Don. Lisa and Donnie Girard*

Lisa Girard - August 31, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Jim was the BEST!! Always ready with a smile, hug, joke and a laugh! As one of the Mulligan Classic's 17th Hole ladies, I always looked forward to Jim and his group T-ing up! Years of pictures were taken with us ladies wrapped around Jim!! So glad I got to visit with him and Ruth recently! He was one of a kind! Rest in Eternal Peace Jim..... Love to Ruth, Tim & Candie, Dave & Pam, Tom & Darlene Chris & Michelle and all the kids and grandkids!!*

CRISTINE L HILL - August 31, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *To the Conner family, so sorry for you loss.*

Ronnie Knox - August 31, 2022 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ We were neighbors of Jim and Ruth on Haynes Road for 16 years. We would have neighborhood card games every month or so. My son John and I with other friends went on many fishing and canoe trips to Maine. Jim was a prankster and a fun person to be around.

God Bless him and keep him.

Our deepest sympathies to all his family.

Sincerely,

Joe & Jean Micalizzi

Joseph Micalizzi - August 31, 2022 at 11:53 AM