



# Donn C Conn

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## **Donn C Conn**

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**T**he family of Donn C. Conn announces with great sadness his passing on February 11, 2024, at the age of 79, in Fort Myers, Florida. Born on May 12, 1944, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Donn lived a life marked by service and dedication.

Donn's steadfast commitment to his country was exemplified by his honorable service in the US Army Military Police from 1964 to 1966, where he proudly served both in Korea and Homestead, Florida. He was an expert sharpshooter and marksman with a strong interest in fast cars.

In 1966, he met Patricia (Pat), and they married after he graduated from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy in 1967. He embarked on a distinguished career with the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) as State Trooper ascending through the ranks from Homicide Investigator to Captain, a reflection of his unwavering integrity and leadership. His tenure as District Commander, overseeing five counties including Lee County, was characterized by his dedication to justice and community safety. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy. After 30 years of service, he retired from FHP as a Major.

He spent a few years selling used cars for local Fort Myers dealerships until he was compelled to go back into law enforcement. He joined the Lee County Sheriff's Office where he served the local community including Fort Myers Beach and the Civil Division for 10 years until he retired from law enforcement.

Beyond his professional achievements, Donn was an enthusiast of classic muscle cars, dedicating his spare time to the restoration and appreciation of these automotive treasures.

After retirement, Donn and Pat built their dream home in Parrottsville, Tennessee. He enjoyed spending his days working outdoors tending to his property and plentiful garden and his nights reading thriller and detective novels, which provided him with many hours of leisure and reflection.



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Donn is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Pat; his devoted daughters, Trisha Davidson (and son-in-law Robert) and Caryn Conn; and his adored grandson, Drew Davidson. He will also be fondly remembered by his brother-in-law, Stephen Roakes, who Donn considered as a brother. Donn was predeceased by his brother, Dale Conn, who he called his best friend, and his parents, Ruth and Carl Conn.

As a man of faith, Donn found spiritual fulfillment and community from helping build a church in Korea to his involvement in Cutler Ridge Baptist Church, McGregor Baptist Church, Cypress Lake Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of Greeneville, Tennessee.

A memorial service to honor and celebrate the life of Donn C. Conn will be held on March 16, 2024, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Fort Myers, Florida. The visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 PM and service time will be from 3:00-4:00 PM. The memory of Donn will be cherished in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those he served and who knew him throughout his remarkable life.

For those who wish to join remotely, the family invites you to attend via live stream. The live stream will begin ten minutes before 3PM and you will be able to access. Just click the link below when that time comes to join the live stream

<https://www.econdolence.com/kl6jbn0p>




# Events


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## Memorial Gathering

 **Saturday**, March 16, 2024


 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

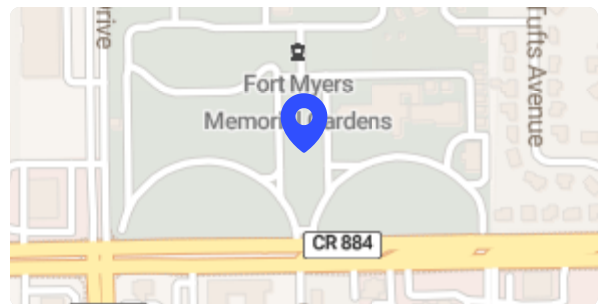


## Memorial Service

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 3:00 PM ET

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**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens** shared a **Video**.

March 15 at 2:18 PM



**Lt. Col. (Ret) Billy Dickson** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donn.

March 20 at 2:37 PM



**Lt. Col. (Ret) Billy Dickson** sent a Red Rose Bud with Babys Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) to the Conn family.

March 20 at 2:37 PM



**Darleen Morris** posted:

I have so many sweet memories with Pat and Donn! They were great friends of Dave and !! Many laughs and good times! We will miss him! ❤️

March 16 at 9:14 AM



**Gene And Mary Anne** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donn.

March 15 at 12:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Tender Tribute to the Conn family.

March 15 at 12:06 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Conn family.



March 12 at 6:16 AM



**Mike Bradley** posted:

I met Him in church and he was a Deacon and my Sunday school teacher in Miami. Later worked with him as a Dispatcher ..Fine Christian Man 🙏

March 2 at 8:51 AM



**Dion D Cole** posted:

Donn did my investigation when I was applying for FHP and I worked with him in Miami. He was a great person and a great Trooper. He had a life of tremendous service which gained him the love and respect of all who knew him. Donn, go rest high on that mountain, your work on earth is done ❤️🙏

February 26 at 3:26 AM



**Mike Bradley** March 2 at 5:50 PM

Ditto Dion



**Michael R Nolan** posted:

Donn was a Safety Sergeant when several troopers from the 59th recruit class arrived in June 1980. He was dedicated and an inspiration. He was just a great guy to work with. RIP Sir!

February 21 at 3:32 PM



**Kent Caldwell** posted:

Donn was truly a Southern gentleman, I first met him through FHP and we remained friends throughout the years. You will be truly missed.

February 21 at 2:47 PM



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**Mike Scott** posted:

A true gentleman and consummate professional by every measure...I was honored to know him and work with him. RIP Brother-Mike Scott

February 17 at 9:34 AM



**Carol Bass** posted:

Donn was not only an outstanding law enforcement professional, he was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, dog father and friend. And he was very funny! My sincere condolences to Patricia, Trisha, Rob and Drew and Caryn.

February 16 at 1:32 PM



**Blaine And Ken Retzer** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Conn family.



February 15 at 12:03 PM



**Kenneth D.** sent a Southern Magnolia Tree to the Conn family.



February 15 at 12:03 PM



## Media

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March 15 at 2:18 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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