



Danner M. Thompson Jr.

March 17, 1959 - April 24, 2026

Conway...

Mr. Danner M. Thompson, Jr., age 67, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026 at home surrounded by his family.

Born March 17, 1959 in Vicenza, Italy, he was the son of Priscilla Smith Thompson and the late Danner M. Thompson, Sr. Danner was a graduate of Kaiserslautern High School in Germany. He was the longtime owner and operator of The Trophy Place, the family business, in downtown Conway.

Danner was a member of St. James Catholic Church, where he served as Knights of Columbus 4th degree. He was also a member of DYB Baseball, umpiring in state tournaments and the Dixie Youth World Series, his first being in 1997 in Conway. He served as the umpire, UIC, and District Director.

Danner spent over 40 years working with the Conway Recreation Center, serving as umpire, coach, supervisor, player, role model and mentor for many children. Danner also served as a volunteer for the Catholic "E Team" for youth.

Danner was an avid Clemson fan and IPTAY member. He was quick witted and was a collector of multiple things. His most treasured hobby was being an

UBER driver for his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Along with his father, Danner was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Austin Charles Thompson, Sr. and Mary Thompson and his maternal grandparents, Marion and Frances Smith.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Kathy Bratcher Thompson; son, Michael Patrick Thompson and fiancée, Beth Floyd; a daughter, Kristi Updegraff, and husband, Gary; six grandchildren, John Floyd, Meredith Thompson, Bennett Floyd, Kaylynne Thompson, Danner "Lexi" Thompson, and Brett Thompson; the mother of his grandchildren, Kara H. Thompson; a special family member, Cody Slate; his sister, Deborah Thompson; three nieces, Shiloh Thompson, Nicole Voohees, and husband, John and Maitland Littlefield; and multiple aunts, uncles, cousins, great nieces and great nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

The family requests casual wear for anyone who feels comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Danner's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Please sign the online guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Mass

APR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Cathy as a mailman for 18 years I came to know both you and Danner. I always loved giving him a hard time when Clemson was doing poorly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the whole family. Brian A Prosser*

Brian a prosser - May 10 at 01:30 AM

BB

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Danner's passing he was a good man. I offer my condolences to Kathy and the family*

Barry Burton - May 01 at 07:29 PM

KA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10*

Kathryn - April 28 at 01:55 PM

AJ

“ *Dear Kathy and family ❤️ sorry of the loss of Danner, I have dealth with death alot the last 3:yrs if tough but God has a plan. Prayers for your strength and peace. RIP Danner .*

Aubrey Dean Johnson - April 28 at 11:23 AM

BJ

“ *To The Thompson Family, We are so sorry to hear of the news about Danner. Our prayers and thoughts be with you all. GOD BLESS*

Biff and Susan Johnson - April 28 at 10:44 AM

SN

To The Thompson Family. My family and I are so sad to hear about Danner's passing. He was always so kind to me and my family. He will surely be missed. We hope you and your family find God's love and strength during this difficult time. His spirit will live on forever! Our condolences, The Nwanegwo Family.

Sheree Nwanegwo - April 28 at 08:47 PM

C.

“Danner was an amazing role model for me during my years on the “E-Team”. My early teenage years as a young male were shaped by his advice and mentorship to help me reach who I am today.

Even after I graduated and went to Carolina he still reached out to me and talked to me. Over a decade later I still have a framed picture of Williams Brice he gave to me - despite his undying love for Clemson, it hangs above my office desk.

I am sorry for your loss but I hope his family finds comfort in knowing what a profound impact his life has had - not only on my life - but so many others as well. The world was truly made better because of his love, stewardship, and example he set.

C.B. - April 27 at 04:56 PM

JH

“Jean Newsom Howard lit a candle in memory of Danner M. Thompson Jr.



Jean Newsom Howard - April 27 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danner M. Thompson Jr..*



April 27 at 07:39 AM



“ *Danner was always friendly towards everyone around the Rec center. He is already missed. Such a great guy.*

Joey Ward - April 26 at 04:47 PM



“ *Betty Canada lit a candle in memory of Danner M. Thompson Jr.*



Betty Canada - April 26 at 11:02 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Danner from St. James. He was always joyful and kind. Please know I will be thinking of all his family in the coming months.*

Sara Millus Tyler - April 26 at 10:43 AM

R-

“ Rhonda Sanders -Butler lit a candle in memory of Danner M. Thompson Jr.



Rhonda Sanders -Butler - April 26 at 07:32 AM

AL

“ Sending our deepest condolences.

The Lucas Family



Angie Lucas - April 25 at 09:06 PM

DC

“ Danny And Cindy Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Danner M. Thompson Jr.



Danny and Cindy Calhoun - April 25 at 05:52 PM

BF

“ Our condolences to the Thompson family. Danner will be missed by all associated with Conway and particularly the Parks and Recreation Department. May the Lord bless you during this time of sorrow.

Patti and Bryan Fink



Bryan Fink - April 25 at 02:48 PM

SP

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Danner and his Family. The Paitzel Family will miss you! Rest in Peace in the Loving arms of Jesus Christ. ❤️ St James Catholic Church Softball Team. ❤️



Susie Paitzel - April 25 at 01:24 PM

FG

A SPECIAL TEAM FOR SURE ! ❤️👍

Fast Eddie Gerosa - April 25 at 03:48 PM

FG

ALWAYS BEHIND DANNER 🕶️❤️

Fast Eddie Gerosa - April 25 at 03:51 PM

LD

“ Remember Danner well from our years in Conway. Praying for peace and comfort for his family.



Larry and Phyllis Deeds - April 25 at 01:15 PM

TD

“ A definite legend and a great man who will be missed Remembered by all as fun loving, fair, and all around great person. He will always hold a special place in my and my children's heart. Highest regards always for him and Kathy.

Theresa Dean - April 25 at 01:08 PM

KU

“ *Daddy thank you for all your love and support. We will never forget all the good laughs with you.*



Kristi Updegraff - April 25 at 12:56 PM

MA

“ *Great man!!!*

MaryM - April 25 at 12:52 PM

MB

“ *I didn't know Mr. Danner that long, but the outpouring of condolences via social media show what a well respected and special man he was. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Melody Brown

Melody Brown - April 25 at 12:36 PM

LC

Sending my love and prayers to all of his family, friends and everyone who knew him. Love, Lynne, Mitch and Oaklynne

Lynne S Costner - April 25 at 12:51 PM

PL

So sorry to hear of your loss Deborah. Your dad was always so polite very time I entered the Trophy Shop. May he rest in peace You and your family are in my prayers in the Many days ahead.

Peggy Lee - April 26 at 11:10 AM

PM

Sending thoughts and prayers to Danner's family during these difficult times. I will make a donation to the Diamond Youth Baseball Scholarship in Danner's name. From all his friends at DYB.

Paul McCulloch - April 26 at 01:08 PM

LD

*Priscilla and family
Sending my sincere condolences to you. My heart goes out to you
Priscilla, parents are not supposed to bury their child. Prayers for
comfort and strength
Linda Hughes DeLuca*

Linda Hughes DeLuca - April 28 at 04:16 AM