



## Harold Connor

January 29, 1937 - December 1, 2015

Mr. Harold D. Connor, 78, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Conway Medical Center.

Born January 29, 1937 in Rutherford, NC Mr. Connor was the son of the late Thomas H. Connor and the late Maggie Allen Connor. He retired from the United States Navy with 26 years of service. Additionally, Mr. Connor was an NJROTC instructor at Conway High School and a member of the Fleet Reserve Association. Mr. Connor was a member of Juniper Bay Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, Mr. Connor was predeceased by his brother, Donald Ray Connor and his sister, Mildred Jones.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Shirley Jones Connor; his children, Crystal Kimball, Gina Watkins, Harold D. "Corky" (Cheri) Connor, Jr., and Marty (Deidra) Connor; his grandchildren, Aarron (Diane) Sanders, Archie (Maggie) Sanders, Alex Sanders, Daniel (Jessica) Sanders, Nicholas Watkins, Dean (Katie) Connor, Whitney (David) Dunn, and Ashley Connor; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, December 4, 2015 at Juniper Bay Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. James Way and Rev. Dean Connor. Burial with military honors will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, December 3, 2015 from

6:00PM-8:00PM.

Memorial donations may be made to Feed Our Vets, P. O. Box 1, New York Mills, NY 13417.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Juniper Bay Baptist Church Cemetery  
5265 Juniper Bay Road  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 397-2787  
<http://www.myspace.com/juniperbaybaptistchurch>

# Tribute Wall

GT

“ I extend my sympathy to and prayers for the family. May God hold and keep you safely in his hands. Gail Lilly

Gail Lilly Todd - December 14, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ It was a pleasure to have known and worked with Chief Conner at CHS. He was one of my favorites. What a kind and patient man. A fine example of a true gentleman.  
Kay Graham

Kay Graham - December 04, 2015 at 07:41 PM

GR

“ The first Senior Chief I ever knew, and someone who set the bar high for the many others who would follow! Senior Chief Connor was a great mentor to me and others during my 4 years at the NJROTC unit. He was the first to tell me about the Naval Academy. His lessons will live on in my son who may follow in the finest traditions of our US Navy. Fair Winds, and Following Seas Senior, You will be remembered by us all.  
CHS Class of '94. CDR Gary Roberts, USN



G Roberts - December 04, 2015 at 02:24 PM

TB

“ Chief, too many stories over too many years. You were a mentor to a young Army Officer and you didn't even know it. I can't begin to thank you for the time and wisdom you gave to me. From the time I was a brand new Platoon Leader until long after I had commanded my Armor Company, you were there in one way or another. Whether through a smoke and a cup of coffee, or just a "hey! how are you." To the Connor Family.. Thank you so much for sharing your Father, Husband, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather with me and many like me. I cannot ever begin to repay what you and he have given. God bless you all.

*Senior Chief Departing. Go with God Senior Chief.*

*Tom Boling*

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**Tom Boling** - December 04, 2015 at 08:42 AM

LW

“ Gina,

*I am so sorry for your loss -- it will become easier in the future I promise*

*Thinking of you and Nick*

*Love ya (call me soon),*

*Let me know if I can help you,*

*Linda Warren*

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**Linda Davidson Warren** - December 04, 2015 at 06:59 AM

TS

“ He was a great man. He and my father recruited together. I have had the pleasure of knowing him since kindergarten. Years later I moved back to Conway and enrolled in JROTC. Then I truly learned what a great man he was. He was an awesome father and a great Senior Chief.

*Rest your oars Senior, I have the watch.*

*CHS Class of 97*

*ETCS(ss) Skipper USN*

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**Travis Skipper** - December 03, 2015 at 08:51 PM




“ I was very blessed to know Harold. He would always come and visit me while I worked at Comfort Suites. We talked about Bowling and Our Military Service. He was so easy to talk with and I truly enjoyed his Spirit. My prayers to your entire family on the loss of such a wonderful man. God Bless You.



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**Karen Williams** - December 03, 2015 at 07:45 PM

RB

“  Our deepest sympathies are with each of you. The Connor Family, has been a part of my family for many years. Harold was a sweet, kind man who loved Shirley & all of their children and grand-children & great grand children. What a legacy Harold has left.

*RIP Chief Harold Connor you have received orders to your final resting place, Heaven ...*



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**Rhonda & Braxton Butler** - December 03, 2015 at 06:10 PM

MP

“ It has been 17 years since I graduated from Conway High, but I always remember my JROTC days with Senior Chief. He loved his coffee, his car at that time and his cigarettes. He was the first Navy Senior Chief I met, so when I joined the Navy I expected all senior chiefs to be like him :). He was a great man, and I am forever grateful for his mentorship. I wish I did a better job of keeping in touch. Rest easy Senior, we have the watch!  
V/R MCC Mary Popejoy

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**Mary Popejoy** - December 03, 2015 at 05:47 PM


MG

“ You will be missed Senior Chief.  
"Fair Winds and Following Seas."

*Cadet Lt. Michael D Green  
N.J.R.O.T.C. Class of 1993*

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**Michael D Green** - December 03, 2015 at 05:01 PM

  
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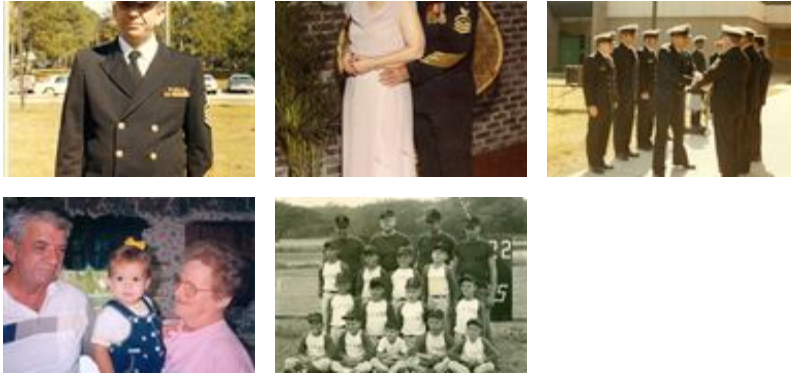
“ Enjoyed my time in NJROTC under the leadership is Senior Chief.  
Rest in Peace.

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**Utocqua Brown Grissett** - December 03, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - December 03, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ *Fair Winds and Following Seas Senior Chief. Class of 87*

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**Ron Cox** - December 03, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ *Senior Chief Conner was a great instructor and mentor. His guidance has influenced many of my decisions during my Naval career as well as life.*

*It's clear sailing from here on out!!!*

*RIP Senior Chief*

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**James Jerdon** - December 03, 2015 at 01:23 PM



“ *He was our chief at Conway High School for NJROTC. I called him puppy dog Chief because he was such a sweet, easy going man. Much respect for this guy! Rest in Peace!*

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**Heather Johnson** - December 03, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ *I was in NJROTC at Conway High in the mid 80s and highly respected the Sr Chief. I've thought fondly of him over the years and know he will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

*Regards  
Angela Allen*

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**Angela Keuth** - December 03, 2015 at 12:34 PM



*Angela Allen. have not heard about you for years. This is Ron Cox*

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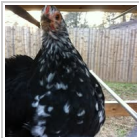
**Ron Cox** - December 03, 2015 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Lt. Robert Orłowski** - December 03, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *I had Sr. Chief as an instructor at CHS. He was a great man and mentor. I am sad he is gone. He will be missed. My prayers and condolences for you and your family.*

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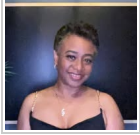
**Tabitha Boyd** - December 03, 2015 at 11:09 AM

JO

“ *So sorry to hear about Senior Chief Connor's Passing. He was my NJROTC teacher and an awesome mentor. Senior Chief help me make the decision to come in the Navy and I'm thankful for him helping me still to this day. What an honor to have met him. R.I.P Senior Chief Connor.*

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**Julius C Owens** - December 03, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Senior Chief Connor's passing. My prayers and condolences are with his family. He was a wonderful NJROTC teacher and an exceptional role model for me as I have grown into a responsible woman and leader.

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**Dawn Asbury** - December 03, 2015 at 08:35 AM

CB

“ Senior Chief Connor was a tremendous asset to the NJROTC program at Conway High, and the program itself was an asset to the school. It was a pleasure to work with him and to see his successes with the program. Harold was a good man, an exemplary teacher, and a good friend. I am very sorry to hear of his death, and my thoughts are with his family at this time.

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**Chip Brown** - December 03, 2015 at 08:05 AM

WU

“ RIP Sailor !!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - December 03, 2015 at 07:53 AM

RK

“ Roger Kimball purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Harold Connor.



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**Roger Kimball** - December 02, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Connor.



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December 02, 2015 at 12:55 PM