



## Josephine McConkey

November 17, 1955 - June 1, 2026

The family of Josephine M. (Golfieri) McConkey, of Conway, South Carolina is deeply saddened to announce her passing on Monday, June 1, 2026, at the age of 70 years. Josephine was born in Springfield, MA to Amedio and Josephine Golfieri (both predeceased in 1967 and 2006). She was a longtime resident of West Springfield, MA until relocating to Conway, South Carolina in 2017. She was a 1974 graduate from West Springfield High School and attended Cosmetology School shortly after graduation. She worked as a Hairdresser for many years in West Springfield and Springfield, MA and then worked as an Activities Director and Hairdresser at the West Springfield Nursing Home. Josie was an active member of St. Anne Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in West Springfield, MA and St. Anne's in Conway, South Carolina. She also enjoyed line dancing, Zumba, and rooting for her favorites sports teams.

She loved volunteering her time and energy to local charitable organizations; Unico Chapter and the West Springfield Senior Center. She is survived by her High School sweetheart, her devoted and loving husband of 49 years, John "Jake" McConkey, her dear son Jeffrey C. McConkey, "the center of her world" and her grand fur babies, Tank and Athena. Survived by siblings; Hope Zitka and her husband Edward Zitka, Louise Rivard, James Golfieri, Amedio Golfieri and his wife Donna. Sister in-laws; Aroxy Meregian, Debbie McConkey and Carol McConkey and Brother In laws; Michael McConkey and Alan

McConkey. Nieces; Andrea Golfieri, Toni Golfieri (predeceased in 2020) Alicia Zitka and her husband Daniel Abrams, and Nephew Eddie Zitka and husband Ken Comia, Great Nephew Theodore Abrams and great Niece Charlotte Abrams, along with cousins and friends.

A Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway, South Carolina.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

In addition, A Private Celebration of Life will be held in August, 2026 in West Springfield, MA at St Thomas Cemetery.

"In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity".

Josie's life was about giving to her "family, friends and community". She was beautiful, generous, strong, loving and loyal, but words cannot do justice to the woman that she was. She will live in our hearts and memories until we're together again. Josie always would say "she accepted her Heavenly Father and knew she'd be with her mother, so she never feared death". God's Blessing and Mercy for this beautiful; Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt and Friend. We will always Love You.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway SC  
2104 N Main St  
Conway, SC 29526-3337  
(843) 488-2445

## Memorial Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ I knew Josie at St. Anne's as an altar server. She radiated warmth and love as she served communion. We will certainly miss her and look forward to seeing her again in heaven. Joyce Winton and Roy Reed

Joyce Winton - June 10 at 09:01 PM

JA

“ My wife and I joined St. Anne's Church last year and we didn't know Josephine very well. We would see her every Sunday ... her beautiful smile and her gratefulness for life and our church. Her spirit truly shined. God bless all those who deeply miss her and who will always love her. She has to have had a profound effect on so many lives. James and Kathleen Civello

james - June 09 at 06:00 PM

KA

“ Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.  
Psalm 22:19

Kathryn - June 08 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine McConkey.



June 08 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine McConkey.

June 08 at 09:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine McConkey.



June 08 at 09:27 AM



“ I still can't believe Josie's gone. I talked with her on the phone the third week of April while I was at Myrtle Beach at my timeshare. I had no idea that would be the last time we spoke. I knew Josie when she lived in West Springfield, MA. She and I were both members of the West Springfield UNICO. Our Club gave parties once a month for special-needs kids and she was so good with them. She had such a big heart and I really loved her so much. God bless Jake and Jeffrey plus her family and friends as we all go through this very difficult time. I love you, Josie.

Betty McCabe-Pandolfi - June 08 at 01:05 AM

SA

“ To Jake and Jeffrey I am so sorry to hear this news your mother and I just reconnected after years she would send me beautiful messages and now the loss of my husband David always had a kind word but mostly how much we laugh together when the kids were small football games God knows we loved football games the cow bell ringing at the high school games she will be sadly missed I am praying for you Jake and Jeffrey keep you in my thoughts and prayers

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**Susie Atwell** - June 05 at 09:35 AM

NA

“ Josie always greeted me with a smile and a hug at CSFC. She would PM me and ask how I was feeling and wrote words of encouragement and blessings. She will be missed but I'm rejoicing that she knew Jesus as her personal Savior and she is free from all pain. I am praying for you, the family, in the arms of Jesus as He whispers words of comfort, peace and love to your hurting hearts. Maranatha, Nadine Aubel

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**Nadine Aubel** - June 04 at 09:34 PM

LM

“ Josie was a sweetheart. Unico member helping with special needs kids-she loved every minute of it.

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**Lynn M.** - June 03 at 03:52 PM



“ *Josie, you were always so kind and had a smile for everyone. You will be missed by all who knew you. You are now at peace with our Lord and Savior.  
Prayers of comfort for your family.  
Randy and Sandy Re*



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**Sandy Re** - June 03 at 12:29 PM

SS

“ *My most sincere condolences to Jake, Jeffrey, Hope, Louise, Jimmy, Junie and the rest of your family. So many memories flood back into my thoughts hearing this the times we spent as kids back in Merrick as little league cheerleader for the Merrick Aces cheerleaders in our red skirts that my sister Margaret made, sleepovers listening to The Monkees your mom always over the stove making something good. I know your heart loved Our Lord and His Arms will cradle you and hopefully bring comfort to your family till you are all together again. My prayers are with you all may her cherished memories in time bring you all comfort.*

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**Suzanne Crevier Simmons** - June 03 at 05:18 AM

DC

“ *I grew up with Josie in Merrick and stayed friends all these years. I was shocked to hear this news. Condolences to the family ❤️😞 She will be missed.*

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**Debra Curotte** - June 02 at 06:53 PM

YC

“ Much love and prayers for the family in this time of sorrow. RIP Mrs. Josephine. It was a pleasure being your nurse at Healthcare Care Partners of South Carolina.



Yvonne Callahan - June 01 at 07:33 PM

JK

Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you. Heaven will be be so happy to have your loving self. I know you will clean that whole place and cook for everyone. ❤️

Joyce Kraus - June 02 at 10:35 AM

LF

Josie, good morning my sister. I will say these words everyday. We didn't have closure for a reason because we'll never be apart. As we always said you're my memory and both you and our sister Hope were my parent. We raised each other. My dearest friend & sister I will miss you everyday. I promise to be here for Jeffrey and Jake, always. Our hearts are broken & our memories are long. We're forever bonded together. I don't know how my life will be with out you in it. You and Hope the three of us were my family. Please be free of pain & give Mom, Dad, Raymond, Toni & Johnny huge hugs & let them know we'll all be together someday. I love you Josie & your baby sister misses you. Heavenly Father hold her in your loving arms and bring peace to her son Jeffrey and husband Jake. Baby sister Louise

Louise Freedman-Rivard - June 02 at 03:56 PM