



# Connie Allford Arnold Gates

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**C**onnie Allford Arnold Gates, “Grams”, of Waynesville, Ohio, went home to be with Jesus on March 12, 2022. Connie was born November 29, 1937, in West Milton, Ohio, to Ralph and Elinor Allford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Arnold; her brother, Ron Allford; and her son, Chuck Gates. She is survived by her sons Scott Arnold and Jim Gates, and her daughter and son-in-love, Terri Arnold Doepel and Glen Doepel. Also surviving her are her grandsons and granddaughter, Grant and Kyla Doepel, and Hunt Doepel (obviously her favorite person). Her great-granddaughters were her biggest cheerleaders: Arabella, Everly, and Coralynn Doepel. Her grandson, Corry Gates, brought her such joy. She is also survived by her long-time, dear friends Gloria Duggins and Marian Brown and the many close friends who became her extended family.

Connie was a lifelong Waynesville United Methodist Church member in Waynesville, Ohio. She was a retired secretary of a psychiatric medical practice and was also known for the many years she spent as an employee of Waynesville National Bank.

Connie was known as “Grams” to so many. She was kind, gentle, and adored her family—and the friends of her family. Her favorite times were spent going on vacations with her family, attending band competitions and baseball games of her grandsons, going to picnics with her church family and extended friends, and time spent with Scott at his home surrounded by beautiful flowers. Her hobbies included eating strawberry ice cream and going “to Tammy’s” to get her hair “done”. She was an always-available audience to her great-granddaughters and their frequent impromptu living room dance performances. She was great at keeping secrets with her grandsons from their parents. The unconditional love and forgiveness she gave to her children was a small glimpse of what Heaven will be.

While we will all miss Grams immensely, and our hearts are aching at the void she has left, we are so grateful for the promise that we will be with her together someday—forever and ever.



## Obituary

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Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday, March 21, at the Waynesville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Miami Valley Memory Gardens. Brian Blankenship will be officiating the services. The family will receive friends 5 - 8 PM Sunday at the church. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. If desired, contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton. Condolences at [www.stubbsconner.com](http://www.stubbsconner.com).




# Events

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## The Family Will Receive Friends

 **Sunday**, March 20, 2022

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Waynesville United Methodist Church**  
275 North Street, Waynesville Oh

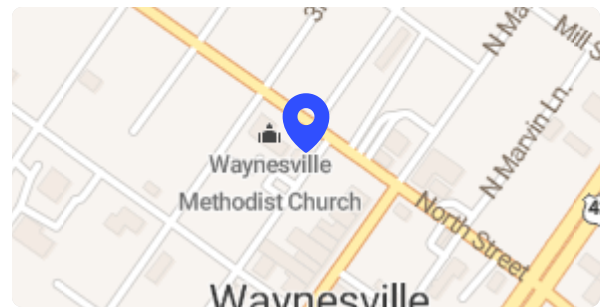


## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, March 21, 2022

 11:00 AM ET

 **Waynesville United Methodist Church**  
275 North Street, Waynesville Oh





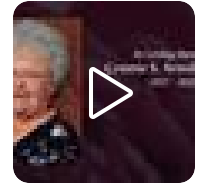
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**Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



March 19 at 1:16 PM



PA

**Pat** posted:

Sending heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Terri. Your mom was such a joy to be around! I was never so surprised as when she shared her love of "riding" at one of our women's retreats. She was certainly a pistol! Loved her sense of humor too! May she always be in your heart! Love to you all! Pat Patton

March 21 at 12:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Arnold Gates family.



March 18 at 7:04 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Arnold Gates family.



March 17 at 11:01 AM



KH

**Kathy Hale** posted:

Connie was such a sweet, caring lady and her family was everything to her. My sympathies to the whole family because I know she'll be deeply missed.

March 16 at 6:40 PM



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**Marcia Polston** posted:

Terri and Scotty, your mom's sense of humor is always my very best memory of her. From the time we were kids all the way thru adulthood, if I could get her to laugh at something, I KNEW it was funny. She was a precious lady and I'll bet, God is laughing with her jokes now! Love always, Marcia (Vaught) Polston

March 16 at 6:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Arnold Gates family.



March 16 at 6:45 AM



**John Duggins** posted:

There are so many memories of Connie interfacing with my family over the last 60+ years, but one of my favorites is when she came to Kentucky for a visit. She would gang up with another dear friend, Gladys, against my mom and it was so funny to watch these 70 and 80 year olds playing like kids. We miss her already but there will be a reunion for the ages in the future.

March 15 at 5:36 PM



**Terri Arnold Doepel** March 15 at 6:09 PM

So many wonderful memories, my brother. Love you.



**Thea Bostwick** posted:

"The unconditional love and forgiveness she gave to her children was a small glimpse of what Heaven will be." Best sentence ever to describe Aunt Connie!! What a wonderful way to be remembered by your children! And so incredibly accurate. I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Connie and her cute giggle that she ended her sentences with!! Definitely one of my favorite people. You know you did your job if people smile when they think of you and I am Aunt Connie. Love you family and praying for you all!! Love, Thea, Toby, Brianna, Morgan & Kennedy

March 15 at 1:27 PM



**Terri Arnold Doepel** March 15 at 6:10 PM

Love you guys.



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**Amy Boal Allen** posted:

Terri and Scott, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I always enjoyed working with her at the bank and whenever I would see her around town, she always had a kind word to say. May your memories of all the good times with her help you through this difficult period. Amy Boal Allen, Fort Wayne, IN

March 15 at 11:44 AM



**Gloria Duggins** posted:

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother her name is Connie no there is no other her ear was always willing to hear how you are feeling her heart is tender and soft it hurts her so to see the hurt and the lost her eyes filled with compassion you could see Jesus in her miss you gloria

March 15 at 10:12 AM



**Terri Arnold Doepel** March 15 at 6:12 PM

I love you.



**Becky Aiken** posted:

Terri, I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing. She was such a sweet woman, and always so kind to my family. I am praying for all of you.

March 15 at 6:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Arnold Gates family.



March 15 at 6:30 AM



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**Julie Oakes** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Grams passing. She will forever hold a place in our hearts. We enjoyed spending time with her at baseball games, family gatherings, and special occasions. She was a great person with the biggest heart who was loved by all. Such a special lady, that we are truly blessed to have known. Love you forever Grams - until we meet again Love the Oakes Family

March 15 at 5:05 AM



**Terri Arnold Doepel** March 15 at 6:13 PM

You were her other daughter ❤️



**Vivian Planck** lit a candle in honor of Connie.



March 15 at 4:47 AM



**Charlotte Van Hoose & Family** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Arnold Gates family.



March 15 at 1:22 AM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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