



Connie Jean Brandt

January 8, 1947 - March 3, 2026

Connie Jean Brandt, 79, of Charlotte, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in Lansing. Connie was born January 8, 1947 in Charlotte, the daughter of Lowell Ralph and Betty Jane (Hale) Shumaker. She married the love of her life, Floyd Marcus Brandt, on September 4, 1965 and the two happily raised their three children in Charlotte. Throughout the years, Floyd and Connie enjoyed many adventures together, including travelling to Alaska and the Great Lakes to name a few. In later years, Connie would take Floyd to the casino, or just out for a drive to spot deer. Their daughters took them to Manistee and Grand Haven, where they enjoyed watching the sunset over Lake Michigan from the beach.

Connie also enjoyed being with her close friends, many of whom she gathered to play euchre or bunko with at the Eaton Area Senior Center, where she was an active member and volunteer. She will be missed by her many friends, especially Martha and Margie. The highlight of Connie's life was time spent with her family, especially at family dinners. She enjoyed playing euchre with her kids and grandkids, even though a few of the grandsons would occasionally bend the rules. Some of her favorite times were watching the grandchildren playing in the backyard, doing puzzles together, or playing a family favorite, "Hide the thimble."

When her health declined, Connie remained a positive presence to all those

around her. Even after chemotherapy, she was always ready to share some broccoli cheese soup and frosted shortbread cookies with her daughter.

Connie is survived by her husband of 60 years, Floyd Marcus Brandt, Sr.; daughters, Regina Brandt and Michelle (Josh Rood) Skuse; son, Floyd (JJ) Brandt, Jr.; grandchildren, Savannah Christiansen, Heidi (Logan Logan) Christiansen, Clifford (Chelsea Miller) Skuse, Colson (Olivia Adkins) Skuse, Bo (Adriana Slater) Brandt, Koda (Ayla Holben) Brandt, and Cutler (Kelsey Stiver) Brandt; great-grandchildren, Noah Skuse and Marcie Commans; siblings, Sandra Wixson, Randy (Dena) Shumaker, Deb (Don) Moga, and Lynn (Paul) Juhola; brother-in-law, Keith Naylor; and many nieces and nephews. Connie was predeceased by her sister, Diana Naylor, and brother-in-law, Tom Wixson.

Friends are encouraged to support Connie's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A Celebration of Life will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at Pray Funeral Home with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. just prior to the service . If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Eaton Area Senior Center or Hospice of Lansing - Stoneleigh Residence. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie Jean Brandt*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06 at 02:00 PM

JB

“ *We were so very sorry to hear of Connie’s passing! All our sympathy goes out to her family and loved ones!*

Julie and Scott Barningham - March 10 at 12:37 PM

VB

“ *Victor B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Jean Brandt.*

Victor B. - March 08 at 05:59 PM

GM

“ *Gwen (Firman) Bliss and Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Jean Brandt.*

Gwen (Firman) Bliss and Mark - March 07 at 11:57 AM

GM

“ *Gwen (Firman) Bliss and Mark purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.*



Gwen (Firman) Bliss and Mark - March 07 at 11:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.*



March 06 at 05:54 PM

GB

“ Some of my earliest and happiest memories were of the Brandt family that lived next door. I loved playing out in the big grassy side yard between our houses with Regina, Michelle and their little brother "Floydy. " They were always a part of the gathering of neighbor kids when we got together to play Red Rover, Freeze Tag and baseball. I remember Connie calling the kids back in from the side door when it was time for dinner. And if they didn't come straight away, she would use her Mommabear voice! I remember her coming over for Tupperware parties, being a supportive friend to my Mom. Her kids were good friends to us. Gina, Michelle and Floyd were fun and good sports, but also the kind of kids you would want your kids to have as friends. When I brought home the beautiful white flowers they sent for my Dad's funeral, I immediately remembered sunshine, green grass and making dandelion jewelry with the Brandt kids. Raised RIGHT by Floyd and Connie. I'm praying for you guys as I wipe the tears myself! I plan to be there for the service.

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 06 at 03:51 PM



“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06 at 01:54 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Connie Jean Brandt



Chad & Carol Walker - March 06 at 10:05 AM

LD

“ Love, Danielle Dayrell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.



Love, Danielle Dayrell - March 06 at 09:56 AM



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

March 06 at 08:48 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.



March 06 at 08:48 AM

YF

“ Your work family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.



Your work family - March 05 at 02:53 PM

VG

“ So sorry to hear of Connie’s passing! Thoughts and Prayer’s of comfort for family! ❤️Larry and Vickie Gingrich

Vickie Gingrich - March 05 at 01:47 PM

MB

Worked for many years with Connie at the Senior Center Bingo on Tuesday’s. We shared lots of jokes and fun times. Miss her and wish her family comfort in this difficult time.

Marilyn Briggs - March 06 at 10:10 AM

JD

“ Jane Davis lit a candle in memory of Connie Jean Brandt



Jane Davis - March 05 at 12:56 PM

KD

“ Kellie Davis purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Connie Jean Brandt.



Kellie Davis - March 05 at 10:31 AM

KD

“ Kellie Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Jean Brandt.

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