



## Cornelia K. Land Williams

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Connie Williams of Guntersville, Alabama, died on Sunday morning while a patient at Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, Alabama. Though she had been ill recently, her death was unexpected.

Connie was born to her parents, the Rev. Claude Victor and Barbara Setzer Deal, on August 29, 1941 in Gastonia, North Carolina where her father pastored a local Lutheran church. Her youth was spent in Landis, NC, and she was an active participant in basketball, music, and social affairs until her graduation from Landis High School in 1959. She attended Lenoir Rhyne University, her dream school since childhood, where she graduated in 1963. In her early adult years she began a career as high school teacher with specialties in English and literature. This prepared her for a lifelong love of reading. Connie worked in retail sales and marketing for major companies in Detroit and Memphis. She and her first husband, Roger Land, moved to Atlanta where she became a sales representative for various companies in the interior design industry for the major part of her professional career. Yearly industry shows at The Atlanta Furniture Mart (where she met Gary Williams) and the High Point, NC, Furniture Mart were routine for her.

When Alabama became her sales territory, she relocated to Birmingham, AL.

When she and Gary married she moved to Guntersville. She retired two years ago and focused her time enjoying their home, reading and sharpening her culinary skills.

Connie's parents preceded her in death as well as her older sister, Barbara. Surviving family members are her husband of twelve years, Gary, of the home and her brother Claude (Libby) of Durham, NC. Also surviving members include nephews Jeffrey (Edith) of Garner, NC; Brian (Lisa) of Collegeville, PA; Douglas (Teri) of Fairfax, VA; and nieces Katherine (Mark) of Mooresville, NC, and Allison (Bryon) of Shelby, NC. Connie gave special attention to her grand nieces and grand nephews Morgan and Taylor Moorefield, Easton and Miles Gragg, and Paige, Tyler, and Victoria Deal. Also special to Connie are stepchildren Michelle Williams and Ron (Brooke and Reid Sullivan) Williams of Auburn, AL, and Gary Williams, Jr., CA. She adored beloved feline companions Rush and O'Reiley.

Connie was a devoted and loving wife to her husband and doting aunt to her nieces and nephews. She is remembered for the many holidays she spent with family members and the carefully selected and bountiful gifts she gave to her loved ones. Her outgoing, enthusiastic, and positive spirit will long be remembered by family, friends, and the many clients she served with this same spirit.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the charity of choice. A memorial service to celebrate her life will in held in North Carolina at a future date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Gary, Claude, and all of Connie's family in this unexpected tragedy. I will be comforted by all the memories of the fun, the laughter, the trips, the gin & tonics, and the visits that I shared with Connie over the years. Caroline Mohr (formerly Caroline O'Hara).*

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**Caroline Mohr** - July 23, 2013 at 06:32 AM