



## Connie L. Lungrin

July 31, 1944 - April 6, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved sister and aunt, Connie L. Lungrin on Thursday, April 6 at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney. After a lifetime of service as a nurse in both the Army in Viet Nam and as a civilian in multiple locations, she has completed her earthly mission. Her compassion and generosity for people and animals defined her life both professionally and personally. She adopted and cared for countless abandoned pets, and generously supported many animal recovery programs. Equally significant was her impact on the AA Community. With the proud achievement of 48 years of sobriety, she was a sponsor, role model, and mentor to dozens of others seeking control of their lives. She believed in the power of recovery, lived by its tenets, and selflessly offered her guidance to others seeking sobriety. She was a radical acceptor of where a person was without losing her belief in who they had the potential to become. Her kind heart, undeniable authenticity, keen wit, and bold spirit will live forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Connie was born July 31, 1944, in Perkins County, NE to Manfred and Lorraine (Steinwart) Lungrin. She received her education from Elsie, NE graduating valedictorian of the class of 1962. Connie received her Registered Nursing Diploma from Lincoln General School of Nursing in 1966. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. She was honorably discharged with the rank of 1st Lieutenant in 1968.

She later returned to the University of Nebraska where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Left to cherish her memory are her brothers, Dick (Carol) Lungrin of Lincoln, NE, and Bob (Cindy) Lungrin of Kearney, NE; nephews Jeff (Brenda) Lungrin of Newark, TX, Joel (Nichole) Lungrin of Axtell, NE, Steve Lungrin (Mandy Muir) of Lincoln, NE, and nieces Tracy Lungrin (Jim Townsend) and Molly (Mike) Kuhl of Lincoln, NE. Great nieces and nephews Ella, Sam, John, Max and Taylor Lungrin along with Madison and Tyler Johnson and Max and Mara Kuhl and numerous extended family members and friends all grieve Connie's passing.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kearney Area Animal Shelter, Ambry Club, and/or AsceraCare Hospice. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

APR **28**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie L. Lungrin



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**O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations** - April 28, 2023 at 04:15 PM

KE

“ I believe there are many angels on this earth and Connie was the greatest of these. God loves me so much he blessed me with her and started this wonderful life of sobriety. She loved me until I could love myself. We had so many wonderful adventures and taught me how to live life sober. I feel such a loss because she was the rock in my life and I felt safe because she was always there for me. She wanted me to carry the message to others and keep relying on God. My sincere condolences go to her family and the many students of hers. One God, many faces.

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**Kandice Ehler** - May 03, 2023 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ *Connie had a larger than life personality! She could tell stories with a rare flare, family stories of her and her brothers, Dick and Bob. One that I remember best was when their parents were away, there was a little wrestling match between siblings and the dining room table suffered a breakdown ! The crime was covered up until Lorraine, their mother, set the table and it collapsed to the floor. I don't recall the consequences of their actions, but it might have ended in a whooping! Ha ha Our families grew up together and unfortunately grew apart, but the love of coisins always remains. I salute Connie for her service in Vietnam, it affected her in many ways, but she survived and she did it with a smile. We will miss her on this earth. Sincerely Judy and Nunzio, Sharee and Dick and Cheryl Schack and family*

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**Judy Schack Marino** - April 27, 2023 at 09:29 PM

DS

“ When I think of Connie there are many things that come to mind. She was a wonderful kind and giving individual and we will all miss her.

*A memory from the distant past, was when all five of us: Connie, Dick, Bob, Tom and I (prior to Becky), were all playing at the Lungrin house in Elsie. I guess the folks were out together and we were left on our own. Anyway the playing turned into a small argument with Dick and Connie. Before long the argument escalated and Connie shoved Dick. He lost his balance and fell into a Dining Room wall. When Dick got up there was a large broken section of the wall. " I think the best way to describe this is the scene turned from: An Old West Bar room brawl to a Death scene from a Shakespeare Tragedy." You could of heard a pin drop." We were all scared and I am sure dreading when Manfred and Lorraine got home. Anyone that knew Lorraine, could likely see her, with hands on hips asking what might have happened to the wall.*

*I will remember Connie, with Love and Kindness. Dan Schack*

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**Dan Schack** - April 20, 2023 at 02:16 PM

RS

“ When I think of Connie, I immediately see her big smile and hear her hearty laugh. I didn't see her often in her adult years but she accomplished much.

*Her obituary clearly shows that most of her life was dedicated to unselfishly helping and caring for others—both humans and animals. She served her country and all of us well. Thank you Connie and now REST IN PEACE! Condolences to Dick, Bob and their families.*

*Love to all.*

*Cousin Gene Schack*

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**Randy Schack** - April 15, 2023 at 02:40 AM

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**Gene Schack** - April 15, 2023 at 01:45 AM

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*Cousin Gene Schack*

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**Gene Schack** - April 14, 2023 at 03:33 PM

JM

“ Hi, Bob, Dick and families.

*I was saddened to learn of Connie's death from her nursing friend, Jane Ryan. Connie and I go way, way back to grade school at Elsie. I had a nice phone chat with her a few months ago. I am thankful that our paths have crossed several times in the past few years. May she rest in God's peace.*

*I also would like to offer you my condolences on the death of your Aunt Edith. She gave me a number of photos of the Lungrin family if you would be interested in them.*

*I tried to load a photo of a reunion of the Elsie bunch, but I don't think I got it accepted by this site.*

*Jim McGahan*

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**Jim McGahan** - April 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MJ

“ To Bob, Dick and Families,

*So sorry to read about your Sister's passing. We know you probably have many good memories to share with each other from past years. We'll keep you in our prayers. Melvin and Linda Johnson*

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**Melvin Johnson** - April 12, 2023 at 08:15 PM

TA

“ I was a co-worker with Connie at both the Aging office and DHHS. Connie was a wealth of knowledge, caring, honest and had a keen sense of humor. Later we lived in the same neighborhood where I would see her walk with her dogs and sometimes a cat would follow. She loved her animals and they were lucky to have her as their caretaker. Rest in peace Connie and thanks for all those you helped in one way or another in your lifetime.



*Tammey Frick, Kearney*

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**Tammey** - April 12, 2023 at 01:50 PM

JA

“ I worked with Connie at the Area Agency on Aging and took care of her pets on several occasions. Connie was a treasure to all. Her quick wit and laughter will always be remembered. Her down to earth insight and reasoning was awesome. Connie blessed many living creatures both 2 legged and 4 legged. Connie will be sorely missed by so many.

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**Jacque** - April 12, 2023 at 12:13 PM