



Grace McConnell

April 1, 1924 - April 30, 2019

Verona / Dodgeville - Grace McConnell, age 95, of Verona, formerly of Dodgeville, joined her husband, Mansfield, her daughter, Judith Tubbs and granddaughter Jamie Torgeson in heaven on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. She left the world with the same amazing grace as with which she lived her life.

She was born on April 1, 1924, to parents William D. Symons and Frances Elizabeth Symons (Farwell) in Dodgeville, WI.

Grace graduated from Dodgeville High School before attending business classes at MATC in Madison. She was 20 years old when she joined the Navy that took her to Hunter College in New York and that led her to working as a secretary in the code breaking office in Clearfield, Utah during WWII. In 1945, she was honorably discharged and returned to her home in Dodgeville, WI.

In 1952, she married the love of her life, Mansfield McConnell, and as a team they embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit. Together they owned several small businesses in Dodgeville, Richland Center, Boscobel, Sparta and Madison, WI. In addition, Grace worked for the American Automobile Association and then as a legislative secretary to Esther Luckhart, Harry Snyder, John Alberts and Toby Roth, before retiring in 1985. She had a passion for learning, travel and being a great mother to her six children. When asked what she was most proud of in her life, she would always say her children. She loved hearing their stories and what was happening in their lives.

Grace is survived by her children, Cindy Jacobson of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Greg McConnell of New York, Carol (Ray) Torgeson and Mary (John) Harrington, both of Verona, WI, and Jeff (Holly) McConnell of Woodstock, GA; her sister Carole Jacobs of Arizona; her grandchildren, Jessica and Eron, Ryan and Meghan, Chris and Sara, Jared, Kyle, Carley, Katie and Christine, Hillary and Sean; her great grandchildren, Rye and Griffin, Oscar and Leo, Mia, Lukas and Ethan, Tierian, Reese and Teddy and Henry.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Ralph, Jean and Homer.

“Momma - Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure”.

A Celebration of Grace’s Life will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Grace McConnell*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Cindy, I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. I had many memories with your mom and dad at the Liquor store that they had on Park Street in Madison and you were the one who introduced me to John Devine in Boscobel. Nancy Pippin and I have many good memories from Boscobel. Your mother was a sweetheart.*
Jane Clark Morrissey

Jane Morrissey - May 22, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *Heartland Hospice of Madison purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Grace McConnell.*



Heartland Hospice of Madison - May 16, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *The Bayendor family (Holly & David) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Grace McConnell.*



The Bayendor family (Holly & David) - May 16, 2019 at 08:08 AM



“ *My sympathy for Grace's family. I have many memories at the farm in Richland Center and at the bowling alley in Boscobel. I was just thinking of Cindy when Jane told me of your loss. Prayers be with you. Nancy Pippin Schoepp*

Nancy Pippin Schoepp - May 16, 2019 at 02:15 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Grace McConnell.



May 15, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Grace McConnell.



May 15, 2019 at 01:25 PM