



Constance Pierman

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Constance Pierman, of Lakewood, WA, passed away on February 25, 2021. She was 83. Connie Carter was born September 13, 1937 in Warrington England. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Ivy Carter, her brother, John, her children Kelly and Duane, her husband Lyle, and her beloved pug Winston. She is survived by her daughter Donna, her grandchildren Bryan (Melissa), Kerri, and Jordan and her great grandchildren Brooklyn, Patrick, and Samantha.

Connie, born in pre-war England, grew up in Warrington. As a child, Connie loved to sing and made lifelong friendships. In 1954, while working as a secretary at Burtonwood Air Force Base, she met Lyle Pierman, an American servicemember, and they were married in 1956. Their eldest daughter, Donna was born the same year. Duane, Connie and Lyle's second child was born in 1958. Lyle's Air Force career took Connie and the family to Texas and then on to Germany where Duane was killed in an auto accident. Connie and her family returned to England for a time until Lyle was stationed to McChord Air Force base and the family moved to Washington State. Connie and Lyle adopted a daughter, Kelly, in 1967 and the family remained in the Lakewood area until Lyle was deployed to Vietnam in 1969. While in Washington, Connie discovered the "British Wives Club" and made fast friends with women who shared a common homeland and experience of marrying American servicemembers. During Lyle's tour, Connie and her daughters moved to England to be near family. In 1970, Lyle returned from Vietnam and the family moved to his new duty station in Louisiana. Connie endured the heat of the South for a second time. In 1973, Lyle retired from the Air Force and the family returned to Western Washington. Shortly after their return, their daughter Kelly died in an accident. Connie, Lyle, and their daughter Donna, settled in Lakewood and Connie would live at the same address for the next 48 years. Connie worked secretarial jobs during her times in England and worked in schools and as nanny to her young grandchildren Bryan and Kerri during the 1980s and then for her youngest grandson Jordan during the 1990s. All who loving called her "Nana." Connie also took care of her mother, Ivy, and her brother, John, during her last years of life, traveling home to England for several months at a time.



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Connie and Lyle joined the Tacoma Outboard Association in the 1980s and bought a series of larger and pricier boats aboard which, friends and family would be endlessly entertained. The couple also purchased larger and pricier RVs to take on trips with the Overlanders. With Connie, family and friends were a priority. She hosted and attended holiday parties for her longtime friends. She participated in British Wives Club events and continued to nanny her three grandchildren until they were grown. For many, Connie has been a constant, steady presence of love, kindness, and generosity. She has been the cornerstone for both her family and her friends. Connie had more reason than most to cherish and live life to the fullest and she most certainly lived a full life. She enjoyed traveling, exploring the waterways and campgrounds with Lyle and her friends, and vacationing with her family to Hawaii, Disneyland, the Oregon Coast, and very special family trips to England.

Connie's friendship has been cherished by many but none more than "The Big Five" a group of five couples and their families who have been together for almost 50 years.

She was beloved by many and loved them all in return. We can all remember Connie by living our lives to the fullest and loving our friends. There will be a memorial service, interment, and reception held on June 30th, 2021 at 1pm at Mountainview Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please considering giving a financial gift to your local humane society. Feel free to share memories, thoughts, prayers, and kind words here on this page.



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SH

Sheri posted:

I meant Lyle and Connie on a boating trip with Tacoma Boating Club known as TOA. We went to Penrose Park that weekend. We went clam digging so Connie could make some clam chowder. That was our first experience with Connie and Lyle after that we became such great friends boating. Move to Arizona 9 years ago. And I really miss the both of them boating being on the water was the best

June 22 at 1:56 PM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:08 AM

thank you. they loved you too and missed you when you left.

MA

Maureen posted:

Connie we had some fun times in the 60's and lots of fun at Steve's Gay Nineties. So many good times to remember. Love you.xxx

June 20 at 11:01 PM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:10 AM

you all did have a good time and sharing June 23 wedding anniversary

PW

Phil Whaley posted:

I have lots of fond memories of Connie & lyle they will always have a very special place in my heart, without there generous and loving ways I would never have had the chance to live and work in America, I loved them and felt very loved ,I'm so grateful we got to entertain Connie and look after her for her final visit home to Warrington, God bless and may you rest in peace, Tara for now ,all my love Phil ❤️

March 18 at 7:46 AM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:10 AM

can't count the memories with all of you ❤️💜❤️💜



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DH

Dorothy Huff posted:

What a beautiful credit to Connie . She was a special person and good friend .I will always have my memories till i go to heaven and know that Donna will follow in her footsteps. I will keep in touch with Donna . because she means a lot to me also my second family all them thank you so much .Love Dorothy . Cliff sends his love too.

March 18 at 5:59 AM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:11 AM

you two were a riot together 💜❤️

PS

Pamela Summers posted:

Connie was a thoughtful and giving person and a dear friend through the BWC. She will be missed. Warm wishes, Pam Summers

March 7 at 11:04 AM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:12 AM

thank you 💜



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ML

Marie Louvrak posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I can still hear Connie saying. Hi Love how are you? When I saw her last at the eye Dr. We have shared many years of memories growing up and being part of the extended Big 5. God Bless. Love Marie & Scott

March 2 at 4:03 PM

DF

Donna Foster July 2 at 6:13 AM

thank you all for these beautiful comments    

BB

Betty Austin (Bootsie) May 18 at 2:21 PM

I will miss Connie very much, she was always such a sweet lady and could make me laugh with her wonderful stories. I will miss her so much as we all also miss Lyle her husband they were such a wonderful couple.

PT

Pat Tollan March 18 at 2:15 PM

Connie,so many memories of you ,camping,fishing Easter Sunday inner tubing happy dinners ,lots of cups of tea .I will miss you terribly our big five group is much smaller now but it was a great group to be part of love pat

PR

Pat Rogers March 2 at 8:14 PM

Thinking of you all at this difficult time. I just received the sad news today. Connie was a beautiful woman who loved her family dearly. She always greeted you with her warm smile . My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Pat..



Memories only last if you share them

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



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