



Neppie Lee Conner

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Neppie Conner died January 22, 2006 in Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was born in 1917 to Walter T. Conner and Blanche E. Horne Conner in Fort Worth, Texas, where her father was Professor of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and her mother was a homemaker. She grew up in a family of one brother and four sisters, whom she treasured.

Neppie graduated from TCU with a double major in German and Art. She taught in public school for a short time following her graduation. World War II intervened, and she became an air traffic controller in Albuquerque, N.M. She was courted by both the Air Force and FAA following the war, but decided to follow her passion and love for art. She proceeded to Ames, Iowa, where she received her Master of Fine Arts.

She joined the art faculty at the University of Arkansas in 1946, where she taught painting, drawing and design. She served as Chairman of the Art Department twice during her tenure there, most recently in 1977-1980, and retired from the University in 1984.

Neppie exhibited in many galleries during her career, including Brooks Memorial Art Gallery in Memphis; Arkansas Art Center in Little Rock; Oklahoma Art Center in Oklahoma City; Dallas Museum of Fine Art; City Art Museum in St. Louis; Nelson Art Gallery in Kansas City. She presented fifteen one-woman Exhibitions in New York, New Jersey, Missouri and Kansas. Among her many recognitions were awards from the Art Association of New Orleans, Mulvane Art Center and City Art Museum of St. Louis.

She began volunteering with Faith in Action and the Fayetteville Animal Shelter around 1998. She received the Faith in Action's State Volunteer of the Year award, and continued her work with them until shortly before her death.



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Her life was one of accomplishment and excellence, attested by former students around the world who continued to write, call and visit.

She had a curiosity and zest for life that continued until her death. She maintained an active social life, which included weekly attendance at the French Table, and bi-weekly outings with friends.

Although her late years were marred by physical problems, she met life with wit and quiet courage, continuing to touch and inspire many lives.

She is remembered lovingly by her sister, Sarah Doss of Ft. Worth, her brother, John D. Conner, many nieces and nephews, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held on March 25, 2006 at 2:00 PM, in the Fine Art Center Concert Hall at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Memorials may be made to Humane Society of the Ozarks, 413 N. College, Fayetteville and Faith in Action, c/o Washington Regional Foundation, 1125 N. College, Fayetteville. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Visitation Date Time No Visitation N/A Visitation Location Service Date Time March 25, 2006 2:00 PM Service Location Fine Arts Center Concert Hall at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville



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WS

William Lynett Hancock (Former Student) posted:

I salute Neppie Conner as one of the most compassionate human beings I have ever met in my 63 years, whichs brilliantly demonstrated by her work in her later years. Professor of Fine Arts par excellence, eternal and faithful friend and strong painter I feel so very privileged to have experienced her great good spirit. William Lynett Hancock 4/10/2006

August 30 at 9:36 AM

FF

Family Chauvet (Friends) posted:

Maela, Tangui, Annaick and Mathieu will always remember the wonderful time shared with Neppie at the French table. We offer Neppie's family and friends our sympathy. We miss you.

August 30 at 9:36 AM

MS

Michele Logan Garnish (Student) posted:

I have many fond memories of Neppie. I looked forward to her class (color studies) everyday. She was so pleasant and patient and, of course, so knowledgeable. She was always so positive and I learned a great deal from her. I'm glad she touched so many lives and I'm grateful to have known her.

August 30 at 9:36 AM

SF

Steve And Debbie Hall Dyer (Friend) posted:

Prior to moving from Fayetteville to Springfield in 1999, I was Neppie's neighbor for 7 years. She was a fantastic lady. She used to walk my Dachsunds and I enjoyed going to her house at 4:30 in the afternoons to share a Martini with her. Her artwork was amazing and her conversation was all that much better. She was truly one of the neatest people I have ever met. Somebody PLEASE let me know when a memorial service is set. I would not miss it.

August 30 at 9:36 AM

JC

James L Conner (Family Lived Next Door To Connors) posted:

She and her family have been friends for many years, She was a wonderful lady

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CA

Chester & Doris Naramor (Acquaintance) posted:

Her Faith in action was as inspiring as her art. Both will live on in our hearts.

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HF

Healey Tonsing (Friend) posted:

Neppie was the first volunteer I met when I took the job at Faith in Action. She was so willing to help regardless of the task. She logged a countless number of hours within the organization helping others. I enjoyed many visits with her and learned something new each time! I and others at Faith in Action have always been in admiration of her. She was so easy to love and had a great sense of humor. Her compassion and strength were inspiring. Neppie, I will miss you very much! Thank you for your contribution to Northwest Arkansas and the difference you made in so many lives. You will always be to me what Faith in Action is all about. You have definitely made the world a better place. With much love, Healey

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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