



## Dennis Conley Sr.

December 4, 1957 - January 31, 2019

William “Dennis” Conley Sr., age 61, of Albia, passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona surrounded by his loved ones.

Dennis was born on December 4, 1957, at the Albia Hospital to James and Theresa (McGee) Conley. He grew up and attended school in Albia graduating from the Albia High School with the Class of 1977. In July of 1980, he was united in marriage to Anna Hunt at the First Christian Church in Albia. To this union three children were born, Dennis, Aaron, and Emily. Dennis and Anna shared 21 years of marriage and later divorced; however, remained life-long friends.

Dennis was a 3rd generation carpenter, owning and operating Conley Construction with his 2 brothers, Jim and Dan, until 2009. In 2008, he started Conley Spray Foam with his 2 sons, Dennis and Aaron, which he was still operating. Dennis’s talent and carpentry skills have not only made a lasting impact on his children, but can also be seen throughout the community in numerous houses he has built as well as historic buildings that he helped restore.

Dennis was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Albia and a member of the Knights of Columbus. In his younger years, he enjoyed being outdoors

and hunting. Dennis loved to travel and experience new places. He loved riding motorcycles and enjoyed traveling to many different places on his bike including to various rallies, such as Sturgis, Daytona, and Laughlin, Nevada, as well as different rallies held within the state. Dennis delighted in traveling to Ireland and embraced his Irish heritage. He loved to entertain and socialize with others. He was an avid Hawkeye fan and enjoyed attending games, including numerous Bowl games. He also became a Milwaukee Brewers fan due in large part to his son-in-law, Nick. Above all, his true joy in life was spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren, Adeline, Flynn, and Cora.

Dennis is survived by his 3 children, Dennis (Jenn) Conley of Albia, Aaron Conley of Albia, and Emily (Nick) Baker of Phoenix, AZ; their mother, Anna Conley of Albia; 3 grandchildren, Adeline, Flynn, and Cora Baker; 2 step grandsons, Carson and Caleb Toopes; and 3 brothers, Jim (Sandy) Conley and Daniel Conley, both of Albia, and John (Marcia) Conley of Shawnee, Kansas. Dennis is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Theresa and a daughter-in-law, Nicole Conley.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Dennis's family present throughout the day. A rosary will be led at 6:00 p.m., provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #4167 and will be immediately followed by a Christian Wake Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. and Father Alban Baker officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's

Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to the Knights of Columbus.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Rosary

FEB 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
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## **Christain Wake Service**

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FEB 7. 6:15 PM (CT)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Conley Sr.*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dennis Conley Sr.*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Dennis will be missed by family and friends, We understand all too well how difficult of a time this is for all. Bette & Pat McGee*

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**Pat McGee** - February 08, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *I didn't know Dennis well, but I'm sure he will be missed. He was known by pretty much everyone in Albia. Always a friendly guy, and I enjoyed his visits to the lumber yard. My condolences to the entire Conley family.*

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**Victoria Plank** - February 08, 2019 at 08:11 AM

PH

“ Dennis was one of the neighborhood kids hanging out with my brothers when we were growing up. Got to know him better when the Conley “boys” built our home in 1993. He was always good to answer our many questions in his soft spoken, patient way. Our condolences to all of the Conley families. We are out of town and regret we will not be able to attend the services but will be thinking of you as you gather together to remember him.  
Sincerely,  
Patty and Tom

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**Patty and Tom Hannam** - February 07, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



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February 06, 2019 at 10:43 PM

YM

“ Your friends at McGough purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



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**Your friends at McGough** - February 05, 2019 at 11:05 AM

GI

“ G&P INS purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



G&P INS - February 05, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



February 05, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



February 05, 2019 at 08:38 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Ford lit a candle in memory of Dennis Conley Sr.



Jennifer ford - February 05, 2019 at 03:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..*



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February 04, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ *Dennis was a classmate from St. Mary's through high school....may God's Grace shine upon you old friend.*  
*Joanne (LaMar) Larsen*

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**Joanne Larsen** - February 04, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ *Good man, friend, and teacher. He always liked to teach young people the right way to do things. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Joe Yerington** - February 04, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ *Such a good man and friend. I really enjoyed working on all the projects with Conley Construction. I could always count on Dennis to have all of the details taken care of ahead of time. I have so many wonderful memories of a great man....another Albia icon gone too soon. So long for now Big D.....*

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**Alan Harrington** - February 04, 2019 at 07:03 PM

HA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Connie and Daniel Harvey



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**Harvey's** - February 04, 2019 at 03:53 PM

JG

“ Jeff Grim lit a candle in memory of Dennis Conley Sr.



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**Jeff Grim** - February 03, 2019 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ So many memories of fun times with Dennis. Riding motorcycles, boating, and just giving each other a hard time. Such a great sense of humor and kind heart. Deepest condolences to the Conley family, RIP my friend...

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**Charlie Spaur** - February 02, 2019 at 01:24 PM

VS

“ Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!

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**Valerie Selby Small** - February 01, 2019 at 01:39 PM

TO

“ *The Woodard Woodruff Clan In Oklahoma lit a candle in memory of Dennis Conley Sr.*



**The Woodard Woodruff clan in oklahoma** - February 01, 2019 at 01:16 PM

TO

*he knew where to find the mushrooms*

**The Woodard Woodruff clan in oklahoma** - February 01, 2019 at 01:19 PM



*he was a good man and funny!!!*

**Linda Woodard Woodruff** - February 01, 2019 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ *Celebrating Dennis' unique sense of humor, and his knack for candid advice. He'll be missed....Peace be with All.....*

*Annette and John Scieszinski*

**Annette Scieszinski** - January 31, 2019 at 11:15 PM

 Aaron Smart

“ *sorry for the lost of a great man.*

**Aaron Smart** - January 31, 2019 at 11:02 PM

SU

“ *Sad to hear this news. My condolences to his family. Dennis and his brothers were some of the first people I met when my family moved to Albia , almost 30 years ago. He will be missed.*

**Sue** - January 31, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Conley Sr..



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January 31, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Dennis will be greatly missed. RIP our friend. Harold and Cindy Major.

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**Cindy Major** - January 31, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ Our sympathy to the Conley family on the loss of Dennis Darrell Caster

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**Darrell Caster** - January 31, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Dennis's family. Dennis was always so kind and friendly. So very sorry for your loss.

-Vicky and Bernard Beary

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**Vicky Beary** - January 31, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you at the sudden loss of Dennis 🙏 Albia has lost another icon in the community, a friend and business owner. He was with those he loved most when he died and I hope that gives you some comfort💖  
Jack and Kim Scieszinski

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**kim scieszinski** - January 31, 2019 at 05:51 PM

NB

“ Sorry to hear this. Our sympathy to the families.

Naomi Braun - January 31, 2019 at 05:20 PM

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“ We've lost another Great classmate! Dennis was such a good guy always low key and personable. May Godspeed and bless his Soul. His Journey continues. Till we meet again.

Andy Simmons - January 31, 2019 at 03:40 PM

TS

“ RIP Dennis. Our condolences to the family.



Tom & Shelly Shultz - January 31, 2019 at 03:21 PM

RC

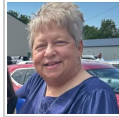
Dennis was a great neighbor when we were young. He was always calm and collected and very generous with a wonderful laugh. He was always a gentle giant as he grew older and always a good friend to those he made contact with. My sincere condolences to this good man's family. Lost but never forgotten

Ron Capaldo - January 31, 2019 at 04:32 PM

LK

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire Conley family. Dennis was such a soft spoken, talented guy with a great dry wit. I remember when John Sr was alive and came to my house with all the boys to finish off the family room. John Sr was the leader so to speak and Dennis had that same leadership quality. John Sr you instilled a great work ethic within all your sons and grandchildren. Dennis did the same. Dennis is enjoying God's holy home and resting from his labor. Rest In Peace dear friend. Thank you for always being so kind. Lana Kaldenberg

Lana Kaldenberg - January 31, 2019 at 05:15 PM



*My sincere sympathy to all the family. May God hold you in the palm of his hand Dennis!*

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**Ann O'Brien** - January 31, 2019 at 07:18 PM

DP

*Our Thoughts and Prayers to the Conley family. So sad to lose another classmate.*

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**DeAnne Purvis** - January 31, 2019 at 10:25 PM

VL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time. I will always remember Dennis fondly. He leaves behind a wonderful family. Comfort and support for all the family and PEACE be with you. Vicki and Denny Luptowski*

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**Vicki and Denny Luptowski** - February 03, 2019 at 01:16 PM