



Constance S Mullen

October 6, 1940 - November 8, 2023

Constance Suzanne “Connie” (Boss) Mullen, 83, died peacefully in the Lord, fortified by the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, on November 8, 2023 at Centralia Manor in Centralia, Illinois.

Connie was born the third daughter of Harry & Mildred (Schneider) Boss on October 6, 1940 in Alton, Illinois. After proudly attending St. Mary Grade School and Marquette Catholic High School, both in Alton, she married her high school sweetheart, Michael K. Mullen, on October 1, 1960.

Her early career involved work as a secretary at Owens-Illinois in Alton. After marriage, she was an excellent homemaker and loved working with the Girl Scouts of America in Salem. For her dedicated work, she was presented with the Thanks Badge, the highest honor given by the Girl Scouts at that time.

When her sons began Cub Scouts, she became a den mother. Along with other couples, they were instrumental in the re-opening of St. Theresa School in 1977. From then, she volunteered as the school secretary and later worked as the parish secretary as well, where she was awarded Secretary of the Year in the City of Salem. She took pride in being a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She retired in 1992 to care for her father. She was well-known for her gentle demeanor, her cheerful laugh, and her ability to organize family vacations and major fundraisers. She was a talented crafter, gardener, and cook, especially Holiday Dinners. Along with Mike, she assisted Santa every December for many years. She continued to volunteer for St. Theresa’s as long as she could. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease

in 2016 and spent nearly five years at Centralia Manor, where she received excellent and compassionate care.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Harry & Mildred Boss, her father- and mother-in-law John and Lillian Mullen, her infant sister Mary Jane Boss, her toddler sister Virginia Lee Boss, her brother Henry "Hank" Boss, and her first daughter, Kelley Ann Mullen.

She is survived by her travel companion, best friend, and husband of 63 years, Michael Mullen of Salem, Michele (David) Steele of Salem, Patrick (Patty) Mullen of Six Mile, SC, Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, of Belleville, and John (Jan) Mullen of Brownsburg, Indiana. She and Mike also have ten grandchildren: Michael (Jenna) Steele of Prospect, KY, Jacob (Nina) Steele of Okinawa, and Thomas Steele of Chicago; Tory (Aleks) Siegel of Ipswich, MA, Chris (Lexi) Mullen of Elk Grove Village, IL, Joe Mullen of Mystic, CT, Ryan Mullen of Mystic, CT, and John (fiancée Megan Carr) Mullen of Dallas, TX; Joshua Mullen of Mt. Vernon and Patrick Mullen of West Lafayette, IN. They also loved to spoil their eight great-grandchildren: Ben, Luke, Will, & Emily; Jack, Domenick, and George; and Milo.

Visitation will take place from 3:30 to 6:00PM on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 812 West Main St., Salem. Visitation will also take place from 9:00 to 10:00AM on Monday, November 13, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00AM. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM at the St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Godfrey, IL. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church or Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home at 310 North Broadway/ P.O. Box 97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Constance's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

The family extends their gratitude to all who have shown kindness during this difficult time, particularly the staff of Centralia Manor.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church
812 W. Main St.
Salem, IL 62881

Visitation

NOV **13.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church
812 W. Main St.
Salem, IL 62881

Funeral Mass

NOV **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church
812 W. Main St.
Salem, IL 62881

Graveside Service

NOV **13.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery
2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035-1833

Tribute Wall



“ *Father Godfrey and your family,*

My sincere Simpathy and Prayers to you and your family on the death of your mother. May God grant you Peace and Comfort at this time of your loss. Our mother are precious and I am sure the reason by their prayers and example we became priests.

Thanks,

Lowell (Father Lowell Will)

Father Lowell Will - November 13, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Mike and the Mullen family on the passing of Connie. I remember the loving relationship you two shared during our high school years. May she rest in peace.*

Gerald (Jerry) Waters - November 12, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.*



November 11, 2023 at 10:18 AM

PW

“*Connie always hugged and welcomed me like one of her own children; and gave me lots of advice and good eats. She was a treasure.*
Love, Neighbor Patti”

Patti Middleton Walker - November 10, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“*Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.*”



November 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM

EW

“*Ellis & Patti Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Constance S Mullen.*”

Ellis & Patti Walker - November 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“*Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.*”



November 10, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.



November 10, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Carol Gallucci lit a candle in memory of Constance S Mullen



Carol Gallucci - November 10, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ It was Christmas. A spectacularly beautiful Nativity scene had been lovingly arranged on the Altar of Saint Benedict Cathedral. After the Mass, I walked up for a closer look and watched a sweet couple as they stood nearby - seemingly "at the ready" to offer their help to the Holy Family. They were irresistible. I said hello, welcomed them, and began to tell them how much we loved our new priest. Looking at each other, they seemed genuinely happy for me! And then, just beaming with pride, Connie Mullen said "Yes, we know... Fr. Godfrey is our son!" I love that memory. Let your hearts see her smiling now... Connie is thanking Jesus for her wonderful family! With our prayers as you give her into God's Care,
Bob & Carol Gallucci

Carol Gallucci - November 10, 2023 at 11:57 AM

KS

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Mullen family. Remembering and sharing wonderful memories of Connie helps heal the heart.* ”

Kathleen and Jay Siegel - November 10, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MA

“ *You have my sincere sympathy on the loss of a great lady.* ”

Mark Altadonna - November 10, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.* ”



November 09, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Constance S Mullen.* ”



November 09, 2023 at 09:58 PM

SK

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Mullen family. Connie tirelessly gave love with care and she will always be remembered with love. What a legacy she left behind, and countless happy memories.

In Peace - Steve Kern

Steve Kern - November 09, 2023 at 09:54 PM

DS

“ Prayers and sympathy to the Mullen family. She was a busy lady and always had a smile. I know that was from family and grandchildren!! Diane Sager

DIANE SAGER - November 09, 2023 at 07:22 PM

AB

“ Dear Mullen family: Sympathy to all of you and we are thinking of you. Your mother was an amazing person and wonderful friend to all.

Alan Black

Alan Black - November 09, 2023 at 05:42 PM