



## James Conway Jolly

November 10, 1941 - March 9, 2022

James "Conway" Jolly, 80, of Davidson, NC, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022,

at Novant Health Medical Center, Huntersville. He was born November 10, 1941, in

Shelby, NC, to the late Clyde Marvin & Virginia Gault Jolly. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Stephen Jolly.

Conway attended Rutherfordton Spindale High School and then graduated Western

Carolina University where he obtained a BS in Business Management and Psychology.

During his time at WCU Conway was a member of Kappa Phi Chapter of Theta Xi and was the Student Body President during his senior year. He was recognized as "Who's Who Among Students in American colleges and Universities."

After graduation Conway went on to work in Human Resources for several major companies including Mead Paper, RCA, Rockwell International, General Instrument and Mercury Marine.

While Conway had many educational and professional accomplishments - he was most proud of his accomplishments outside of the corporate world.

Conway was a loving husband, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He was an accomplished author and photographer. Many friends and family members over the years grew accustomed to receiving Jesse Jolly's Journal and Bailey's Blog to learn about Conway and Sandy's latest travels and life updates. He also wrote a one act play called "301 Walker Street" and many spoof newsletters for the entertainment of family and friends. Conway's "Double Rainbow" that hangs proudly in the homes of many family and friends, was taken from his home at Lake Norman, NC.

Conway was known by his friends and family by many names including Sweetheart, the Old Man, The Entertainer, Uncle Geezer and Papa J. He brought along his infamous "Herman the Flea" act to all family gatherings to spread joy with his nieces and nephews. Conway was the Keeper of the Klondikes. He had an undeniable sweet tooth and it became a running joke that at any gathering Conway attended there would surely be ice cream...chocolate of course. Conway's sweet tooth was nothing but a reflection of who Conway was to us - sweetheart.

Conway is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sandra Jolly; brother, Richard Jolly (Janet) of Forest City, NC; sister-in-law, Cheryl Jolly of Harrisburg, NC ; nieces and nephews, Becky Reed, Elizabeth Blanton, Amy Jolly Kennedy, Patricia Hopkins, Michele Connelly, Brian McComas, Andy McComas, Richard McComas, Jr., and Leo McComas and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Conway's Life will be held on Sunday, March 27, at 2:30, at Lake Norman High School, West United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dr. Andrea Smith officiating. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at [www.headingwest.online.church](http://www.headingwest.online.church).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 5077, Mooresville, NC 28117, Parkinson's Association of the Carolinas, 601 W. Fifth St., Suite 140, Charlotte, NC 28202 or to The Stephen A. and Cheryl C. Jolly Family Scholarship which can be reached at [crowdfund.uncc.edu/jolly](http://crowdfund.uncc.edu/jolly).

Conway fought a brave fight against Parkinson Disease for 25 years. Thank you to all the workers at Schramm Health Center of The Pines at Davidson for their kind, loving care of their Papa J.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Jolly family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

**MAR 27.** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Lake Norman High School, West United Methodist Church  
186 Doolie Rd.  
Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences to all of Conway's family.....*

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**Donald K Thompson** - December 30, 2022 at 03:35 PM

GR

“ *Conway Jolley was one of the dearest man I have had the privilege of knowing. He was my brothers best friends in high school and they became lifelong friends - Reid Griffin - and as Reid's sister I to loved him. I am so sorry for your lost. My brother, and my sister and brother in law, Faye and Wayne Henson will be at the Memorial Service. Please know that you are in my prayers and I pray God will put his arms around you and comfort you. Ginger Griffin Ruppe*

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**Ginger G. Ruppe** - March 26, 2022 at 11:44 PM

JM

“ *We will always remember Conway for his kind, loving and caring spirit. He was generous with his time, and always willing to help those around him. Everyone enjoyed his story of “Herman the Flea”, especially the children. If we needed a volunteer for anything, Conway’s hand was usually among the first to be raised. He always had good ideas; and was willing to share them. Conway was a “true southern gentleman”, a reliable friend and family member; and will be greatly missed.*

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**Jerry & Louise McComas** - March 25, 2022 at 02:12 PM

CT

“ Oh what wonderful memories I have of my dear, sweet cousin. I think my fondest memory will always be how extremely handsome I always thought he was! He was so beautiful on the inside as well and always showed such kindness to all, He was , indeed, such a very special man my love and prayers go out to Sandra and Richard, as well as the rest of the family. Oh how he will be missed. Until we meet again, my cousin. Give Steve a hug for me. I'm sure he was glad to see his brother.

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**Cindy Troublefield** - March 16, 2022 at 06:39 AM

MK

“ Mike and Kathy Kothbauer purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of James Conway Jolly.



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**Mike and Kathy Kothbauer** - March 15, 2022 at 07:54 PM

RG

“ Although not being geographically close, Conway was my best friend and morale buster for the last 64 years . We were part of each others family for so many years.  
Sandy and Richard I understand and share your sorrow. May God Bless.

*Reid*

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**Reid Griffin** - March 13, 2022 at 03:49 PM

LC

“ *My prayers and thoughts to Sandy and family on the passing of your dear Conway. I've missed seeing you both and especially missing that great smile of Conway's whenever I saw him. He was such a nice gentleman. May he rest in peace. Much love, Lena*

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**Lena Carlough** - March 12, 2022 at 11:22 AM