



## Connie R. Rankin

August 10, 1936 - November 30, 2013

Connie R. Dunkle Rankin, 77, of Fairmount City, passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at the Clarion Hospital.

She was born August 10, 1936 in Rimersburg; she was the daughter of Edward and Alberta Stewart Dunkle.

Connie was married on April 19, 1954 to Richard C. Rankin, who preceded her in death on August 13, 2003.

She was a member of the Clarion Church of the Nazarene. She was loved by her family, church, family, and many friends. She was involved in all activities of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, from Girl Scouts leader to Sunday school teacher, racing events, dance recitals, piano recitals, sports events, and Bible school with all the children. She was involved in numerous missionary trips to Australia, Ukraine, and Bulgaria. She worked in soup kitchens, taught in orphanage's, helped with renal patients, and taught the gypsy and aboriginal children, bringing the word of God's love to them all. Surviving are three children, Pam McGinley of Climax, NC, Kim Smith (Mike) of Strattanville, and Craig Rankin (Deb) of Clarion; six grandchildren, JR (Liz) McGinley, Megan (Brock) Smith Steele, Adrienne (Isaac) Smith Kurtz, Kaleb Smith, Noah and Jacob Rankin; three great grandchildren, Livia and Alex McGinley and Grace Steele; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Richard Dunkle, a sister, Judith Dunkle Kerle, and a niece, Stephanie Kerle Rhoades. Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday,

December 3, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at the Clarion Church of the Nazarene, 202 Mayfield Road, Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, in the Clarion Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Mark Smith, pastor, officiating. Interment will be held in the New Rehoboth Church Cemetery.

Memorials and donations can be made in her memory to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion PA 16214; Kirtland Cancer Foundation, PO Box 108, Franklin PA 16323; Clarion Church of the Nazarene, 202 Mayfield Drive, Clarion PA 16214; Clarion Hospital, 1 Hospital Drive, Clarion PA 16214; Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., PO Box 96864, Washington DC 20090; or Salvation Army, 600 Wood Street, Clarion PA 16214.

We thank everyone for all the prayers and support for our mother and our family. Blessed be the Lord for he is our strength and salvation.

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of this news.. Knowing that Connie and Dick are together is the reason I a can smile thru the tears. What a wonderful "Lady" She was! Anytime we saw each other, we always spoke and laughed about something and that smile of hers will never be forgotten. Kim, Mike, and Pam You had a WONDERFUL Mother.. I will never forget this lady and You "All" will be in my thoughts and prayers. I recently moved so I couldn't attend, and actually was travelling to new home when the news came to Me thru a friend. Again, My thoughts are with You, always..

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**Brenda Campbell** - December 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ connie was always a very nice person I talked to her about 2 months ago about being in business she new how it was for me told me to keep my chin up so positive and always smiling even with her latest diagnosis her and dick are smiling together again

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**pat mcmillen** - December 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pamela, Kimberly and Matthew so sorry we cannot be there physically but we are there spiritually with my arms around you all. I know Connie and Dick are crusing around together in the 37 Chevy, growing up they were two of the most influencial people in my life. Until our paths cross again.

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**Leslie and Mike Shaffer (Bones)** - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Kim, Pam & Craig,  
You & your entire family have my deepest sympathy.  
Your mom was a beautiful person in every way & the loss of her will  
impact the many who's lives she has touched.  
My thought are with you.  
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**Terry Shofestall Glover** - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Pam, Kim, and Craig and families,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. Her suffering is now  
over and she has joined Dick in heaven. Not only a relative and girl  
scout leader but a friend. Please know that my thoughts and prayers  
are with you!

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**Diane Monrean Orange** - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Kim, Pam, Craig and families - May God hold you in the palm  
of His hand as the angels wrap their wings around you to bring you  
comfort and peace.  
You have our deepest sympathy; Connie was such a joy and  
treasure. Blessings, Judy and Tom Reinard

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**Judy Reinard** - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Pam, Kim, Craig, and families,  
I wanted to come in person to give you my sympathies but I wasn't feeling well and didn't want to share my germs. I know that you know how much I loved your mother - and the whole family. You have all been a big part of my life, my whole life. Losing Connie will leave a whole in everyone's life. She was a dear kind and loving soul. My heart goes out to all of you. Much love.

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**Janet Harnish Switzer** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ One of the nicest girls in my Class of 1954. I knew Connie and her husband for many years and remained freinds with them for years to come. Her family has my deepest condolences.

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**Harry E Ketner Jr** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I just found out about Connie's passing. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to all of you. Terry and I are thinking of you all. Connie always had a Hello and a smile for anyone she met. I loved her dearly and she will always be missed. May God be with each and every one of you at this time.

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**Terry and Pam Clinger** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We all get asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" Even though Connie would never tell you I have to believe her Christmas wish was to spend Christmas once again with Dick. Our Heavenly Father knew of that wish and brought Connie home this Christmas to loving arms of Dick.

*Shed a tear for Connie's passing. Not a tear of sadness, but a tear of remembrance and quiet joy that this wonderful lady who gave so much for all of us was granted a Christmas wish of her own. God Bless you all!*

*Mike*

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**Mike Dutko** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To The Rankin Family, Our Thought & Prayers are with you

*The Dolan Family*

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**David Dolan** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ good bye my old and dear friend from 7th grade to present...i will never forget you and some of our antics at clarion high..i will miss you

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**janet bonnett dunlap** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To the Rankin Family: my condolences to all of you in the loss of your mother. Pam, words cannot express the sadness I feel for you and your family. Your mom is now in peace and with your dad. They are both looking over you now! Love. Kathy

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**Kathy Cox** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am thinking of the Rankin family and sending you my heartfelt condolences.

**Cara Cherico** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Our Dear Friend Kim and Mike. We are truly sorry for your loss in such a short unexpected time. My mother and myself have kept her in our prayers everyday since she has been in the nursing home, and will continue praying for your family to pull through this bad time. Kim and Mike you know how much we love you both. If theres a special time to need friends that would be now. If there is anything you two need at this time please feel free to ask. With are deepest sympathy may God Bless you and your family The Lutz Family.

**Helen and Raymond Lutz** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Kim, Pam, Craig and families,  
Our hearts go out to you on the loss of your beloved mother. She was a wonderful, kind and loving person who touched many lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ray and Janne Ewing

**Janne Ewing** - December 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Pam, Kim, and Craig and their families,

*So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.  
What a great lady she was! I will miss her  
wonderful laugh and that great smile of hers.  
I am truly fortunate to have had Connie as  
a long time neighbor as well as friend.  
The world was a better place because of  
her being in it.  
You are in my thoughts and my prayers.*

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**paula reinsel gilliland** - December 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM