



## Marcia B. Conner

December 7, 1925 - December 12, 2023

Marcia Bacon Conner of Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg died peacefully on December 12, 2023. She was born in Waverly, Iowa on December 7, 1925, the daughter of the late Dr. C. Clifford Bacon and Gertrude (Kiser) Bacon.

She graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Phi Beta Kappa, and received her M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College, Kappa Delta Pi. She was Associate Professor Emerita of Dickinson College where she taught English for 17 years, started the Writing Center, and concluded her teaching career as Chairperson of the English Department from 1974-1981. She served on the Bethany Village Board of Governors and as an elder of the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O), Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association, and the Pennsylvania Senatorial Scholarship Committee. She was also a charter member of the Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., President of the Harrisburg League of Women Voters (Co-Chair of the Committee for Revision of the State Constitution), and a 10-year member of the Board of Trustees of Davis and Elkins College.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, W. Bennett Conner Jr., by her husband of 13 years, Harry C. Killian, by her sister, Betty Bacon Bonge and husband James Bonge, and by her brother-in-law Dr. Rod Million.

Surviving are her sister, Marge Million, of Gainesville, FL, daughters Mona Conner of Brooklyn, NY, and Dr. Peggy Conner and son-in-law Marcelo Mendoza of Rye, NY, son the Honorable Christopher C. Conner and daughter-in-law Erin Butler Conner of Camp Hill, PA, step-son Jay Killian and wife Jane of Camp Hill, step-daughter Joy Killian Snyder and husband Douglas of Camp Hill, grandchildren Lauren Conner Neuberger (Daniel), Gregory Bennett Conner (Katie), Benjamin Charles Conner (Natalie), Casey Christopher Conner, Nicolas Mendoza-Conner (Kristen George), Daniel Mendoza-Conner (Lyndee Taketa), David Mendoza-Conner and Eric Mendoza-Conner, step-grandchildren Julia Castanzo, Robert Butler Castanzo, Meredith Askey (Paul), Hannah Killian, and Eric Snyder (Nancy), five great grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 12, 2024, in the Rife Center of Bethany Village, 325 Wesley Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. A celebration of life service will be held at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception with, in her words, “generous food and drink!”

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Dickinson College, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013, Bethany Village Care Assurance Fund, 325 Wesley Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, or the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, 300 East Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Livestream Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/aCIFGIDf0f0>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Village at the Rife Center on the East Campus

## Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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