



## Constance Marie Pellegrine

June 27, 1937 - January 12, 2025

### CONNIE PELLEGRENE

Today, we gather to celebrate the faithful daughter of God, Connie Marie Simpson Pellegrine, a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and great-grandmother. Born 6-27-37 at Massillon City Hospital in Massillon, Ohio, to James Clifford Simpson and Geraldine Margaret Beebe Simpson, Connie lived a life marked by faith, compassion, and love.

Connie graduated from St. Mary's Catholic grade school and Jackson Memorial High School in Canton, Ohio. She also briefly attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, before securing a job with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Canton, Ohio as a supervisor for seven years. Her life took a beautiful turn in 1962 when she met and married the love of her life, John Pellegrine. Together, they shared an enduring and inspiring marriage, raising five sons who were the pride and joy of her life.

Connie's dedication to family was matched by her commitment to helping others. While living in Minnesota, she volunteered as a counselor for a divorce support group, offering comfort and guidance to those navigating difficult times. Later, she gave her time as a teacher's aide at Immaculate Heart of

Mary (IHM) grade school in Minnetonka, where her patience and care touched the lives of many students. Additionally, Connie volunteered as a Eucharistic minister for Stephens Ministries distributing communion to those unable to attend Church due to health issues.

A woman of many talents, Connie found joy on the tennis court, where her competitive spirit and passion for the game shined brightly. More importantly, she was a gifted artist, creating beautiful religious artwork that reflected her deep faith and creative soul.

Some of the most cherished memories of Connie were her incredible cooking, her involvement with her boys in their sports and school activities, and always entertaining and preparing great meals for family and friends - her son's friends never ate so well.

Family was always key to Connie, and she had a passion for taking care of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for fun, laughter, bonding, and prayer. No matter what the issue or problem or hurtful situation a family member had, Connie was always there to hear, offer advice, and calm the storm. Her ability to bring the family together and create lasting memories was a testament to her love and dedication.

The greatest attribute of Connie, however, was her devout witness to her faith. Her devotion to our Lord and love for Our Blessed Mother was expressed in her daily dedication to the Rosary and her incredible artwork of Jesus and Mary. Connie completely committed her life to strengthening herself, family and friends to love Jesus through the intercession of His beloved mother

Mary.

Connie's legacy lives on through her husband John and five sons: John (Deborah), Stephen (Jody), Michael (Christi), David and Joseph (Jaime), her 16 grandchildren: Anthony, Dominic, Gina (Brad), Hailey (Jeff), Sam (Allie), Will, Joseph, Paul (Jaycee), Jessica (Justin), Nicole, Mikayla, Sarah, Katie, Olivia, Vincent, Bella and 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom were blessed by her wisdom, warmth, and love. Her life was a testament to kindness, selflessness, and devotion, and she will be dearly missed by family and all who knew her.

A celebration of Connie's life will be held [Friday, January 17th at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN, with visitation beginning at 10:00am and Funeral Mass at 11:00am and lunch reception following. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to IHM or Notre Dame Academy where Connie and John have everlasting memories of their five boys attending.

The funeral mass will be lived streamed go to [IHM-cc.org](http://IHM-cc.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery

90th Street NW and Lawrence Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
13505 Excelsior Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
13505 Excelsior Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

# Tribute Wall



“ Connie was a remarkable woman, a gracious host and terrific cook. Her pizzas were the stuff of legend. John and Connie always hosted a Christmas pizza lunch for John's direct reports. It was always a delightful time. She was a remarkable woman. Peace, dear Connie

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February 14, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ I used to walk from my cabin to Grandma and Poppy's cabin, where we'd sit together in the sunroom. Grandma would be needle pointing, as we watched cartoons and spent time together. The windows were always open, and there was something so peaceful about those moments—just the three of us, enjoying each other's company in quiet contentment. It was a time that felt timeless, filled with a warmth that I still carry with me.

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**Katie Pellegrine** - January 17, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ Grandma was a sucker for a good ol' romance movie. Together we watched every classic known to man. It was required that we watched “Pride and Prejudice” each year. I can still smell the freshly popped popcorn and recall the giddy glances we would give each other as we watched love unfold on the screen. Truth be told, watching you and grandpa's love these last years was better than any romance we ever watched together. I can only imagine the divine love story you are experiencing now wrapped in your Father's arms. Be assured that when I miss you, I will pop a fresh batch of popcorn and throw in a good classic. I love you so much.

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**Gina Downs** - January 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ Grandma was an avid card player, and summers at the cabin were never complete without epic “Pounce” tournaments with her grandkids. She was always the fastest, so any grandkid who managed to win earned serious bragging rights for the rest of the day. I love and miss you, Grandma. Thank you for showing us what it means to love your family and Jesus so deeply. I know you’re now experiencing unimaginable joy with our Lord, and I’m certain Heaven has a “Pounce” tournament happening right now.

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**Sam Pellegrine** - January 14, 2025 at 10:40 PM

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“ We came into Connie’s life by way of marriage. She accepted us into her family and we have many fond memories of spending time with the Pellegrine family. Connie was always so warm and genuine. She will be missed by so many. Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

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**susanne** - January 14, 2025 at 08:23 PM

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“ Grandma had this cute phrase when she'd tell us a secret she was supposed to keep. If she accidentally told us a present we got or surprise she had for us, she'd say, "oh, but you don't know what it looks like yet". I know she's up in Heaven looking down on us, so excited to share the glory of our Lord to each of her kids, grandpa, and grandchildren. I can hear her saying, "It's amazing here, you don't know what it looks like yet!" I love you, grandma.

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**Hailey Stoick (Pellegrine)** - January 14, 2025 at 03:31 PM