



J. Frederick Connolly Sr.

October 25, 1918 - December 30, 2011

Fred Connolly, Sr., of Queen Anne, MD, a local farmer and former Orphans Court judge, died peacefully at home on Friday, surrounded by his loving family. He was 93.

The son of the late Charles C. and Anna Slaughter Connolly, Jerome Frederick Connolly was born on October 25, 1918, and was raised on Kingsdale Farm in Queen Anne's County. He attended a one-room school at Willoughby, and was a 1936 graduate of Tri-County High School in Queen Anne.

In 1940, he married the love of his life, Marie Anna Schaubert, of Chestertown, MD. For a year and a half, Fred worked for Roy Mitchell at his grocery store in Kentmore Park near Kennedyville. Then in 1942, he returned to his father's farm which he later bought. He lived, farmed, raised his family, and enjoyed the rest of his full life with Marie on the farm that has been in the family since the Civil War and is a Maryland Century Farm.

Fred was known for his quick wit, his generosity, and his wonderful sense of humor and fairness. He was a hard-working farmer who loved his family and had many friends. He was a true Eastern Shore gentleman who was cherished by his family. He served the county and community where he lived all of his life and was a member and director of the Queen Anne's County

Farm Bureau. He was also a past president and member of the Chesapeake Ruritan Club. He was an active member of the Queen Anne's County Forestry Board. He was also an active member of Old St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Cordova, MD, which he served as a trustee for several years.

In 1974, Fred was elected Judge of the Orphans Court of Queen Anne's County for four terms. He retired from farming in the early 1980s.

Fred is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Marie; four sons, Fred Connolly Jr., (Honesty) of Easton; Jim (Nancy) of Galena, MD; Bob (Joy) of Easton; Gary and his wife Connie of Denton, MD; two daughters, Patricia Connolly and Rita Hill, both of Easton; 14 grandchildren, Brian, Fred III, Dianna, Curt, Bobby, Mark, David, Jason, Paul, Chad, Kristin, Ashley, Macey, and Jack; and 10 great-grandchildren, Travis, Madeline (Maddy), Abigail, Noah, Shelby, Ava, Natalie, Owen, Elise, and Justin; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may visit between 5 and 7 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012, at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Mission Church, 13209 Church Lane, in Cordova, on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

Fred's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to a favorite charity in Fred's memory.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
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Tribute Wall



“ *J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Pat and Connolly Family,*

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lloyd and Debra Pahlman*

Debra Pahlman - January 03, 2012 at 09:09 PM



“ *Lois Hutchison DeRosa lit a candle in
memory of J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*



Lois Hutchison DeRosa - January 03, 2012 at 11:14 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*



Phil Foster - January 02, 2012 at 10:44 PM

WJ

“ *Dear Great Aunt Marie, and all my Connolly cousins, Fred, Jim, Gary, Patsy, Bob and Rita.
A good life is measured by the character one develops over a lifetime. Uncle Fred lived with integrity and honesty and that's evident in all of you. Such a gift !*

*In sympathy,
Bill Schauber, Jr.
Glen Ellen, California*

William B. Schauber, Jr. - January 02, 2012 at 09:54 PM

PT

“ *Phil And Betsy Truitt lit a candle in memory of J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*



Phil and Betsy Truitt - January 02, 2012 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ Dear Pat and Family,
Jack and I were so sorry to read of the passing of your beloved father. Losing a parent is incredibly hard, but how blessed you were to have such a loving and special father who taught by example and filled your life with loving care and support. We know your memories will carry you through the rough times and you also know you can call on us any time.

With sincere sympathy and much love,

Jack & Debbie Stafford

Debbie Stafford - January 02, 2012 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ Dear Marie and Family,
We were truly saddened to hear of Fred's passing. During this grief stricken time, we pray that you can take comfort knowing that Fred is now with "cousin Marie" DePoulter, Barney and the crew. Many great and memorable times were had with all the cousins at your farm and we shall cherish these memories forever. God bless your entire family.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jim and Marcia Bowers*

James W. Bowers - January 02, 2012 at 09:34 AM

CW

“ Gary and family. I am sorry to hear of your loss. What a remarkable life your father had. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cissy Fox Weibe

Cissy Fox Weibe - January 01, 2012 at 05:26 PM

CJ

“ To Jim, Gary and the Connolly family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It was a pleasure to have known Mr. J. Fred Connolly. I remember the days when he always took the time to greet you with a smile and good conversation at the Court House, 4-H Fair at the Ruritan booth or anytime you met him. A true gentleman.

God Bless,
Charles Crossley and Family

Charles F. Crossley, Jr. - January 01, 2012 at 04:17 PM

LT

“ To the Connolly Family
Thank you for making us a part of your family for over 20 year. We always felt welcome at the farm. We will always remember and cherish the memories of Sunday breakfasts, eating crabs, Christmas eve after Mass, riding in the Model T and our guided tours of the back farm by Mr Connolly.
We will miss him.
May God bless you all as you move forward.
Lew and Diane Taylor

lew and diane taylor - January 01, 2012 at 04:15 PM



“ *What an extraordinary man and what an extraordinary family! Some of my best childhood memories are down on the farm. I cherish each and every one.*

*My mother, Jean Bowers who passed too early in 1994 and who is in heaven is now in her 7th heaven with the arrival of Fred! She now has a Connolly man to torment once again!
My thought and prayers are with you all*

*Love and Hugs,
Barbara Bowers Pierce*

Barbara Pierce - December 31, 2011 at 05:38 PM

PV

“ *To Gary and The Connolly Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you, you are very blessed to have all these years with such a wonderful gentleman. I remember all the great family gatherings at the farm and talking to Mr. Connolly every Tuesday after Orphan's Court. God bless and watch over you.*

*Patty Boone VanStavern
Richmond, VA*

Patty Boone VanStavern - December 31, 2011 at 01:43 PM



“ *He will be missed greatly. Travis and Abby and I will miss his easy smile and wonderful heart. Our prayers are with you! With much love we send to everyone.*

Anna, Travis and Abby and Mr. and Mrs. Gin



Anna Gin - December 31, 2011 at 10:43 AM

“ In Memory of J. Frederick Connolly:

They don't make them like him anymore.

Sigmund Freud said there are two things people need to be happy and content:LOVE and WORK. Fred Connolly (who I referred to as "Boss" encompassed this concept).

He was a simple man who appreciated simple pleasures. He loved nature and respected it. Lord, how he loved his farm and enjoyed nothing better than riding around the grounds. He liked things to be kept in order and neat. He was not a fierce "macho" man but one only had to look upon him to know not to interfere with his wife, children and property.....No, they don't make them like him anymore.

He was a simple man- who believed in hard work and never shirked the many responsibilities he had bestowed upon him. He knew what Freud meant...people need to work and be productive to be content. Long after the cows were gone, he continued to want to be home by milking time.

He was a simple man-he embraced the basic American values that seem to be disappearing in today's younger generations: love of home, country and quiet living, in harmony with nature and with one's partner.

He was a simple man- he watched as his family grew up and the boys of his sons towered over him. But they would never have his "quiet strength" because they are the "new generation" ...No, they don't make them like him anymore.....

He was most of all, a family man, his parents and many brothers and a beloved sister, taught him the benefits of having a large family. Naturally, he married a pretty young girl from a large family who shared his beliefs and they persevered together for 71 years,

raising six children of their own. He was a good provider, his children never went hungry and were encouraged to pursue their individual dreams.

He was a simple man- he didn't need to travel the world because his happiness came from within, serving his church and community and taking care of his farm and family. He did not need to leave the only residence he ever knew to find contentment. He already possessed those two very special traits....a willingness to work hard and he received and gave an abundance of love. No, they don't make them like him anymore.

Goodbye Boss and God's speed...you will surely be missed.

Nancy Connolly (daughter-in-law).

Nancy L. Connolly - December 31, 2011 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. There is no doubt in my mind that the angels were waiting to escort Uncle Fred to heaven.*
Jack & Anne Bigelow



Jack & Anne Bigelow - December 31, 2011 at 07:11 AM

LP

“ *Lynda And Gene Palmatary lit a candle in memory of J. Frederick Connolly Sr.*



Lynda and Gene Palmatary - December 30, 2011 at 08:36 PM

LP

“ *To the Connolly Family: You are in our prayers and thoughts in the loss of Mr. Fred. He will surely be missed in the community. He always had a smile and was a pleasure seeing him when he was Judge of the Orphan's Court. He is now a peace with our Good Lord and the memories you have of him will always remain in your hearts. God Bless your family at this time and we are thinking of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

Lynda Palmatary - December 30, 2011 at 08:35 PM