



Christine Karin Conzelmann

February 13, 1938 - April 1, 2013

Christine (Ritter) Conzelmann was born in Hannover, Germany on February 13, 1938, to Felix and Hannah Ritter. Christine was the youngest of three siblings, growing up with her sisters Helga, and Inga. Life was difficult growing up during time of war, and she had many hard times that she had to endure, including hunger. Just before the end of the war her house was bombed and her father, Felix saved her life digging her out of the rubble of her home. Christine made it through all those hard times, learning to cook and care for her family, and to grow up and become a wonderful young woman.

Then she met her husband, Horst Conzelmann, now a retired Air Force Master Sergeant. Shortly thereafter they immigrated to the United States. During their time together they had three children, Carmen, Cindy, and Eric. They settled in in Ferndale, Washington in 1971. Christine enjoyed painting and was a member of the art gallery in Blaine, Washington and showed several of her pieces at the annual Blaine Skywater Festival, and a few of her paintings were purchased. She was involved with the church where she taught Sunday school, was the choir director, and sang in the choir and solos for the congregation. One of her favorite songs was How Great Thou Art, which she enjoyed signing for the congregation. Christine was a wonderful homemaker where she enjoyed taking care of her small farm animals, gardening, and taking care of her family. She was an excellent cook and would make spectacular meals her family really enjoyed.

Christine was the best wife and mom anyone could ever hope for. She will be dearly missed. Christine was strong, caring, and a very loving wife and mother. Christine is survived by her husband of 55 years, Horst Conzelmann, daughters Carmen Kirkey, and Cindy Sheridan, and her son Eric Conzelmann. Her last week on earth was spent at home, as she desired, surrounded by family. She is now at peace enjoying all the flowers of Heaven.

We will miss you, wife and mom.

Farewell Tribute Information

There will be a committal service held for Christine on Wednesday April 10, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Dr., Ferndale.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Today started out with the wind howling, the trees here at Conzelmann Castle bent toward the ground, and the rain pummeling the side of the house at an angle. We did our usual morning routine of taking care of dad and breakfast, then got dressed for mom Conzelmann’s service. As we were driving through Mount Vernon, the rain started to wane, and the blue sky peeked from behind the fluffy clouds. By the time we got to Bellingham, the clouds had opened up a big patch of blue sky, and the wind let up quite a bit. It was wonderful to have so many people come to remember mom Conzelmann. Family friend and minister, Andy Wojciechowski, offered a prayer, shared mom’s life story, asked God for mom to have peace in Heaven, and then provided a quiet moment for the family to look toward Heaven and think of mom. Then we were provided a heart-felt rendition of Amazing Grace sung by my husband, Eric Conzelmann, *tears* in memory of his mother, and finished with others singing along. Dad Conzelmann thanked everyone who came and said “a day does not go by that I do not miss my wife, the love of my life.” He looked up at her photo, a much younger version of mom, and added, “there she is, my beautiful wife.” *tears* We met at Carmen Kirkey’s home with many close friends and the family and enjoyed a wonderful array of refreshments, thank you to my dearest bestest friend in the world, Sherry Sund. The sun is brightly shining on the island now. I think mom is smiling down from Heaven, a thank you of sorts, for the love reflected to her from the 20+ souls who gathered her in their hearts, and simultaneously said, “Fare thee well” to a wonderful wife, mother, aunt, and friend.

Julie Conzelmann - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Eric, I didn't know your mom, but knowing you, I know she was a wonderful, giving and compassionate person. You and your family will miss her and so will our world- may you find comfort in knowing she loved and was dearly loved. Warmly, Angela

Angela Langner - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Please accept my sympathy to the loving Husband, Son, Daughters, Family & Friends in the painful loss of your dear Christine. May I offer these Verses from the Bible: Rev21:4-5 “AND HE WILL WIPE OUT EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES AND DEATH WILL BE NO MORE, THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY”

Rita Perry - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I feel so blessed to have been embraced so warmly by the Conzelmann family, especially mom Conzelmann. When Eric and I were first dating, she was a bit hesitant, wanting to be certain that I really loved her son. On one visit, while having crab with mom and dad, she took my hand and said, “You are a good woman. I see how much you love Eric, and he you. I am glad he has someone good in his life.” When we got engaged, she hugged me so tight, I thought I would burst! The gleam in her eyes and smile on her face meant so much to me, and will always stay imprinted on my heart. The last thing I told her was that I love Eric with all my heart, that I will be here for dad Conzelmann, Carmen and Cindy, and I am proud to be a part of the Conzelmann family. Ich liebe dich, haben Frieden im Himmel.

Julie Conzelmann - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I remember the times Mom took the time out to teach me to cook showing me her techniques of seasoning and some of the secrets she had of being such an awesome cook. I look back and realize now how much fun she and I had gardening together. I remember one time we were working in the garden and took a break to go get some chicken and a beer down at the country store. Then we sat in the garden and nibbled on the chicken and sipped the beer while observing our accomplishments in the garden.

Eric Conzelmann - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM