



Dudley Jefferson Conner

June 15, 1936 - May 3, 2014

Dudley Jefferson Conner, age 77, of Frankfort, Kentucky, a native of Albany, Kentucky, passed away on May 3, 2014 in Louisville. He was the son of the late William Warner Conner and Minnie Dicken Conner.

He was a 1954 graduate of Clinton County High School and a graduate of Berea College. He received a Masters Degree in 1961 from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and also a Masters in Public Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

Mr. Conner spent his career working in public health and served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Public Health Association and was a past president of the Southern Public Health Association.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Williams Conner, formerly of Clarkson, Kentucky, a daughter, Tonya Rager (Jeff) of Lexington, Kentucky, a son, Timothy Conner (Kimberly) of Jacksonville, Florida, two granddaughters, three grandsons and several cousins in Clinton and Russell Counties. Mr. Conner was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Conner.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, 312 Washington Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, there will be visitation from 1-2 p.m. at The First United

Methodist Church, 211 Washington Street, Frankfort, services to immediately follow at the church. Pallbearers are: Irving Bell, Edward Burke, Collin Conner, Dylan Conner, Charles Geveden, and Bruce Lane. Honorary Pallbearers are: Richard Bell, Robin Caney, Robert Doris, Fred Goins, Robert Halliday, Arthur Kelly, Robert Newberry, and Leon Townsend.

Interment will follow in the Frankfort Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in Dudley's name may be made to Kentucky Public Health Association Scholarship Fund, PO Box 4647, Frankfort, KY 40604 or First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 211 Washington St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at www.harrodbrothers.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dudley Jefferson Conner*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dudley was a part of so many good things in Kentucky public health; leader and manager of public health. He was also a warm, caring man who will continue to be missed.*

F. Douglas Scutchfield - April 26, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *As a past-President of KPHA, I regret deeply the loss of my friend and colleague, Dudley. He was an individual who had the leadership skills to make others, like me, look good when we assumed a leadership position. He provided me with support and guidance as we worked together to make KPHA better. He was also a friend and a guiding light to me professionally and personally. I know he loved his family and his professional family which he talked about all the time. I pray that you will accept my love of him as a sign that he has accomplished so much for others here on earth and I know he is with his Heavenly Father this day keeping an eye on all of us until that day we all meet in heaven.*

*Don and Judy Calitri
Past President, KPHA
Professor Emeritus, ECU, Health Sciences*

Don Calitri - May 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM

LS

“ Dear Tim,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Lise Strother - May 08, 2014 at 09:55 AM

DF

“ Betty Sue, I extend my sincere condolence to you and your family.

Your high school friend: Doris Tully Farzan Fairfax, VA

Doris Tully Farzan - May 08, 2014 at 09:11 AM

AC

“ We are sorry that work schedules and illness prevented us from attending the visitation or the funeral. Dudley was a valued friend and a tireless advocate for public health, as I noted on Kentucky Health News: <http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com/2014/05/dudley-connor-longtime-leader-in-public.html>

Al and Patti Cross - May 07, 2014 at 06:24 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of Dudley's passing. He will be greatly missed by all. My sincere condolence.

Jim Wesley - May 06, 2014 at 03:30 PM

CT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dudley Connor. He was an exceptional leader and will be truly missed.

C. Gail Timperio - May 06, 2014 at 02:56 PM

RF

“ I was very sadden to learn that Dudley had passed away. I've know him for over 25 years as a member of the Southern Health Association. We became very good friends over the years. He will be missed by many. May the Good Lord be with you during this difficult time. God Bless Each of You.

Richard Funderburk - May 06, 2014 at 02:50 PM

FS

“ A wonderful man, a committed public health professional who cared for the health of the commonwealth. A friend and supporter of public health education and practice and an early advocate for the UK College of Public Health, he was present at the creation. May he rest in peace.

F. Douglas Scutchfield - May 06, 2014 at 11:15 AM

PS

“ My heart felt sympathy goes out to the family of Mr. Dudley Conner. He was indeed a fine person loved by all especially his Public Health colleague's. May he rest in peace.

Peggy Seithers - May 06, 2014 at 10:08 AM

SA

“ Betty,
I haven't seen Dudley and you any many years. I have good memories of Dudley when he lived and worked in Leitchfield. Just recently thought about calling to say "hello" and share old memories with him.
May God bless you and your family and provide comfort and peace to you during this difficult time.

Sam Alexander - May 06, 2014 at 09:18 AM

BC

“ Dudley contributed so much to so many people in his life. My prayers to Betty and all the family.

Bonnie Aboud Clements - May 06, 2014 at 06:15 AM

SC

“ Betty Sue, So sorry about your loss. I know you will surely miss him. Just remember he is in a greater place with no pain & suffering. I will not be able to attend services as I am going to Georgia tomorrow to be with my brother. Hospice has given him one to two weeks. Will be praying for the peace that we do not understand for your family. Loved Dudley from way back. Love you too.

Shelba Jean Cummings - May 05, 2014 at 04:00 PM