



## James Thomas Connor, Jr.

January 30, 1945 - October 21, 2017

James Thomas Connor, Jr. earned his eternal rest on October 21, 2017 at the age of 72. He was born in Bad Mergentheim, Germany to Simone Seiler and was lovingly adopted from an orphanage in Belgium at the age of 18 months by Dr. James and Brunilda Connor of New Orleans. He was the beloved husband of Joy and loving father to James Connor III (Tracy), Laura Connor, Rebecca Chirinos (Miguel), Jeffrey Glynn (Erin) and Kelley Glynn-Mohr (Darren). Known as Bumpie to 13 grandchildren, he was cherished as a fun-loving, ever smiling hero to his grandchildren: Chad Lafrance (23), Cole Prince (21), Marissa Tenorio (18), Austin Prince (15), Ethan Chirinos (12), Logan Connor (11), Kensey Connor (10), Noah Chirinos (9), Avery Hicks (7), Aspen Glynn (6), Olivia Mohr (6), Emma Mohr (6), and Nola Glynn (4). He was brother of twin sisters Collette Connor McCrory (deceased) and Colleen Connor as well as Claire Hendel and brother, Reineir Seiler of Luxembourg. Jim was a lifelong educator. He was a science teacher then an assistant principal at Lacoste Elementary in Chalmette, LA. He became principal of Sebastian Roy and Arabi Elementary then supervisor of Adult Education and part time administrator of the Pre-School Center in St. Bernard Parish until Hurricane Katrina led to his retirement and move to Providence Village, TX. He attended Louisiana State University and received his Masters of Education from the University of New Orleans. His love of learning and teaching impacted thousands of students and hundreds of teachers throughout the parish, ensuring his legacy will be carried on by all whom he

touched. Jim had a heart of gold, a bright smile, a wicked sense of humor and an intense love of his large immediate family and extended family here in the United States, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as the many he considered friends. A fierce lover of Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest, he always knew what it meant to "miss New Orleans". He settled into his retired life in North Dallas but still loved to travel for pleasure and accompany his wife for their many trips to Mississippi for business. A celebration of his life will be held at the Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey, TX on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 3:00PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the James T. Connor Science Camp Scholarship Fund, LLC. Services are under the direction of Charlotte Chism Waldrum and Slay Memorial Funeral Center. To send a flower arrangement to the family of James Thomas Connor, Jr., please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

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*Noah Chirinos,*

*Aubrey, Texas*

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**Noah Chirinos** - March 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KC “ *Life sucks... I mean honestly. But he didn't.*

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**Kensey Connor** - October 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KC “ *Was known all in New Orleans, loved learning about world war history, always was up for an adventure, loved some good craw fish, and loved family more than anything!*

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**Kensey Connor** - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TD “ *Joy and family....We are truly sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts at this sad time. Trish Dommer & June Campobello ( family with Alan & Emilie Coulter)*

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**TRISH DOMMER** - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *The darkness will subside and the light will shine again. We are so sorry for your loss.*

vicki & al buras - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jeff, Erin & all the family! Thoughts and prayers are with you all today and all the days to come.*

Adrian Smith - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *A man that turned Lemons into Lemonade.*

October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *To Ms. Joy and all of Mr. Jim's family. My heart goes out to you at this time. He was such a remarkable man, and I know he'll be missed by many. God bless you as you grieve and remember the amazing life he lived. . All that made him so special still lives on in each one of you. Take Care, Love, Angie (Liggio) Fontenot*

Angie Fontenot - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Jim was my "big brother figure "at Arabi Elem and protector to a wee Irish girl and her family who blew into St. Bernard way back when some even wondered where we'd come from . I will always be grateful for his support and guidance during my husband's ill health and genuine care of my 2 wee girls during my life struggles . I will miss your kind soul Jim , and am thankful to have known you.*

Clare Neeson-Zavalza - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Joy & Family,I was so sorry to read of Jim's death. I know how sick he had been & how hard he fought to get better. He was a definite "lover of life" & lived his life fully. What a beautiful legacy he leaves behind in his children & his grandchildren! A life well lived is a lovely legacy! You will all be in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Mary Ann & David Giardina** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To Joy & Jim's entire family - So sorry to hear this sad news. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this time of sorrow. May your memories bring you comfort. Terry & Ellen Mayeur McCubbinAJ Class of '67

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**Terry & Ellen Mayeur McCubbin** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ So very sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathy to the entire family.Leann & Joseph PoirierSt. Bernard, Louisiana

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**Leann Poirier** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Joy I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. My heart and prayers are with you.

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**Jeannette HUESCHEN** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Joy and family We are so sorry for your loss.Jim was fun to be with when we would have our Lacoste PTC outings! May God bless your family.

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**Archie & Sandy Forsyth Jr** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

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**Carolyn Bienemy** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ It was pleasure working with Jim and you. Love Tom

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**Tom Harrison** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so very sorry to hear about Your loss. My deepest condolences to you, Joy, and your beautiful family. His contributions to his students, his colleagues, and the community of St. Bernard Parish were exemplary. I know how much he will be missed. I pray you are comforted by the wonderful memories of a life well lived and well loved. Love to all.

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**Toni and Randy Braud (Barcelona)** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Joy, and your family. Jim was a wonderful man who touched many lives. Memories of his wonderful zest for living will be in the hearts of those who loved him.

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**Violet and Nathan Serpas** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ "Little Brother" I loved you then, I love you still, and will live with you in my heart until we walk the Golden Walk upstairs, together once more. I'll bring the Tab, you bring the Asta and cake! Lovingly forever,jk, Kevin, Kevin Paul II, and Bradyn.

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**Jacquie Kelley** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ *The Connor Clan will carry on because of the Tab loving guy who didn't just teach, but SHOWED you all how to "do" life. You will miss his smile, his hugs and his voice, but by going out and LIVING as he would, you will feel his presence with you. Speak of him often, reinforce his beliefs and catch phrases with his grands and he will live on through your all. Gonna miss that big guy, prayers from the Unbehagen family to all of you. Sincerely, Belinda Unbehagen*

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**Belinda Unbehagen** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Melvina Noles** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I am just heartbroken to hear of Jim's passing. My heart aches for Joy, his entire family, and all of us who knew him. Cherish all those wonderful memories, as these will always keep him close to our hearts.*

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**Mallary Moran** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM