



## Constance Marie Wixted

September 8, 1952 - December 7, 2025

Constance “Connie” Marie Wixted (née Brown) passed away of natural causes on December 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on September 8, 1952, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Constance was the eldest child of Barbara Cooper and Ronald Brown. She is lovingly remembered by her siblings, Dale Brown (Maureen) and Nancy Klein (Jim). From an early age, she met the world with humor, strength, and a devotion to the people she loved.

Constance was the proud mother of John Hoder, Caitlin Becks (Nicholas), and Claire Wixted (Andrew). She adored her children and dedicated her life to raising them with warmth, laughter, and unwavering support.

Over the years, Constance lived in Saginaw, Metro Detroit, and later Pittsburgh, forming meaningful connections and cherished memories in each place. She was a people person with a quick wit and an unfiltered sense of humor. Constance worked for The Detroit Free Press for many years until later transitioning to her role as a full time supportive mother.

Throughout her life, Constance had several interests including softball, golf, horseback riding, gardening, playing cards, and collecting a lot of Christmas decorations. She was also an excellent cook and an avid reader. In recent years, Constance made her home at American House, where she became a familiar and cherished presence. She brought warmth, humor, and a sense of belonging to the community, enriching the lives of everyone around her.

She will be remembered for her big personality, generous spirit, sharp sense

of humor, and her ability to make anyone feel at ease. Connie's presence will be deeply missed, and her memory will continue to evoke smiles, comfort, and stories for years to come.

A memorial to honor Constance's life will be held after the 2025 holiday season, with details forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Michigan Humane Society in her honor.

Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland.

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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Oh no. I just came across this on Facebook. John, Caitlin and Claire, I am so sorry. Your mom was the best next door neighbor ever, and always a good friend. This is sad news indeed. Is there a service planned?

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**liz peterson** - February 04 at 01:48 AM

PP

“ Steve and I, and our daughters Sarah and Natalie really enjoyed spending time with Connie; she was quick-witted and funny. She was full of stories that made us laugh. She would do anything for you which included watching Natalie before school and getting her on the bus. We always looked forward to the Wixted Halloween parties that were so much fun. Our daughters learned to swim in her pool. We will forever be grateful that Connie and Kevin were great neighbors in a terrific neighborhood.

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**Pam Poirier** - December 29, 2025 at 07:57 PM

AS

“ Our heart felt sympathy to the family of Connie from the Scott family (Anne, Dick, Jessica, Melissa and Olivia). We always cherish our time in the Lexington Commons neighborhood where Connie was the unofficial leader with her friendly, funny and charismatic personality. She welcomed every newcomer neighbor with warmth and affection. And she opened her home and pool to all with generous hospitality. We have fond memories of the many days of sharing stories and endless laughter with Connie's great sense of humor. We hope the family knows how Connie has touched so many people's lives with her loving spirit and zest for life. May she rest in peace.

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**Anne Scott** - December 29, 2025 at 01:52 PM

PK

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of Connie's family from all of the Keller family. We have so many amazing memories of Connie and family when we were neighbors in Michigan.,so much fun,pranks,parties and pool time to name a few! Connie was one of my best friends near and far,for 30 plus years. We kept in touch with any family news or just to vent! I will miss our calls filled with laughs (that unfiltered sense of humor) and our reminiscing.

Pat Keller - December 16, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DT

“ Always had fond memories of cousin Connie , she was funny, kind and caring. Rest in Peace Connie.

Dawn Thompson - December 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JM

“ John, Caitlin, Claire. I will miss your mom.

She helped me greatly a couple of times in my life. The first time was in the fall of 1976 when I accepted an internship at Burroughs Corporation in Detroit. She (and Bob) let me stay at their house the first couple of days. She then contacted a friend that was looking for a roommate. I moved in with him during my four month internship.

The second time was when I took a 14 week work assignment in Southfield in 1995. She (along with Kevin, Caitlin, Claire) were living in Northville so it wasn't too far away. Most weeks, she invited me to dinner. I know one of the times she made her delicious spaghetti and meatballs (your great grandma Cooper's recipe).

Joe Magalski - December 15, 2025 at 06:53 AM

MH

“ *My witty eldest cousin! Memories that will always remind me of Connie - Spatz bread and hot chocolate, Tony's steak sandwiches, MG sports cars and living life to the fullest. Rest in peace.*

❤️ *Mary Jo Hoff*

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**Mary Jo Hoff** - December 13, 2025 at 10:31 PM