



## Renate E. Conners

May 7, 1944 - July 16, 2021

Renate E. Conners, of Burlington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on July 16, 2021.

Renate was born May 7, 1944 in Cochem Germany, located along the Moselle River. As a child growing up in Germany in the aftermath of WWII, Renate and her friends would often play in the ruins of the destroyed buildings. She began her education in boarding school and continued to the College level. Renate's beloved Uncle Otto Schwarz owned a restaurant and hotel that was on the Moselle River, and it was there where she learned housekeeping and the culinary skills. Renate and her husband John, married for 24 years, together for 35 years, would often go back to visit her family in Germany, which were always very special trips. A devout Catholic, Renate volunteered for over 20 years with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in helping to feed the poor. She also worked for the Blank Rome Law Firm as their office manager for over 20 years. On July 11th, Renate and John renewed their wedding vows by an old friend and Roman Catholic Priest Father Padovanie and reaffirmed their love for one another under God in the Catholic faith. Renate was a truly loving and caring woman who went out of her way to help those in need. She will be truly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Renate is survived by her beloved husband John H. Conners, her children Anthony (Kathy) Cutshaw, Roy (Marci) Cutshaw, Bryan (Shelley) Cutshaw, John J. Conners, Timothy Conners, and David Conners, as well as numerous grandchildren, her sisters Ursula Kester and Brigitte (Jorg) Roth, her sister-in-law Evelyn Connelly, brother-in-law Dave (Dee) Metcalf, and close friends Detlev and Ute Kromrey, and Maria and John Gambescia.

Renate is predeceased by her son James Cutshaw, her father Wilhelm "Willie" Schwarz, and her Uncle Otto Schwarz and her Omah.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday July 22, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street Mount Holly NJ at 10:30am, friends and relatives are invited to visit with the family from 9:30am-10:30am prior to the Mass.

# Events

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**JUL**   **Visitation**   09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US

**JUL**   **Mass of Christian Burial**   10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Jack Bryan and family my name is Kevin Kennedy I just want to tell that Renata was great person and friend I first met Renata when st Paul's used to play basketball on Saturday morning and I am so glad that we became friends along with Jack I will always remember our friendship through the years so once again I am sorry for your loss Renata until we meet again rip in peace you deserve it

**Kevin Kennedy** - July 23 at 07:13 PM

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## Renate's Legacy

July 22, 2021 (Delivered at Memorial Mass)

There are few moments in life so profound you find yourself measuring time before and after that moment. One such moment ...was the day I met Renate. We first met some 15 years ago on a professional basis, but soon thereafter, I was embraced as a daughter figure, she a mother figure.

Renate embodied the very BEST attributes, most work a lifetime to achieve.

Her empathy, kindness, compassion, generosity and ZEST for life were INFINITE, JUST as her unconditional love. These attributes are the spirit we know as Renate. A force to be reckoned with, a heart filled of boundless joy, truly selfless...she was ALL of these, and SO MUCH more!

In Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, Fred Rogers would often reassure his audiences with his mother's sage advice, "look for the helpers in times of trouble." But in Mrs. Conners' Neighborhood, we aspire not simply to look for the helpers, but BE the Helper.

Let us ALL HONOR our loved one . . . in kind.

Instead of looking for love...BE the love.

Instead of looking for light...BE the light.

Instead of looking for compassion...BE compassionate.

Renate...once an EARTH angel...NOW our angel ABOVE...remains forever in our hearts and minds. We are blessed, beyond measure, to have been YOUR neighbor along the way, and will forever call you our devoted FRIEND, MOTHER, and WIFE.

As we remember your sweet smile, may your selfless spirit live-on in:

Each good deed done.

Every helping hand extended.

Every act of kindness and love bestowed.

What a glorious world this will be, as we pay YOUR LEGACY forward. We love you!

Maria R. Gambescia





“ Renate was a wonderful person, an excellent office manager, and a very good friend. She talked of her family often, whom she loved. She will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go to Jack and the rest of the family.

**Bruce Eisenberg** - July 22 at 09:10 AM

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“ We are all so sorry to hear of Renate's passing. She was a warm, caring woman with a beautiful heart and soul and will sorely missed. We I'll always remember her kindness and generosity through both our parents' illnesses and ultimate passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers will continue. Vazquez & Agosto Family

**Lourdes Vazquez Agosto** - July 21 at 06:22 PM

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“ Vazquez & Agosto Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Renate E. Conners.



**Vazquez & Agosto Family** - July 21 at 06:12 PM

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“ Jack and family, I am so sorry to hear of Renate's passing . She was a delight to work with and a wonderful graceful person as well . You are in my thoughts and prayers , Best , Jim Andrews

**jim andrews** - July 21 at 04:16 PM

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“ your friends at Kaufman Hall purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Renate E. Conners.



your friends at Kaufman Hall - July 21 at 02:36 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 20 at 10:14 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 20 at 08:16 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 20 at 05:07 PM

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“ Renate and I did several home visits together. I would drive and she brought a flash light so we could see the house numbers. One visit in particular stands out because I watched as Renate showed such kindness and compassion to one of our guests based on her own personal experience. She was the face, hands, feet and heart of Jesus during that visit. It was a humbling lesson that I will never forget. She is now my guardian angel on my future home visits. I will miss her at the Walk for the Poor.

Jack: Remember the laughs we all had at the Silent Auction bidding on the last can of soda!!

Lorraine DiGiacomo

Lorraine DiGiacomo - July 19 at 08:22 PM

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“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 19 at 08:14 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 19 at 03:05 PM

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“ Tashi lit a candle in memory of Renate E. Conners



**Tashi** - July 19 at 02:42 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renate E. Conners.



July 19 at 10:00 AM

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“ Detlev and Ute purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Renate E. Conners.



**Detlev and Ute** - July 19 at 05:12 AM

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“ I became friends with Renate at St Vincent's. I always called her my little red headed German friend. I'll never forget her and her friendship. Jack she will always be with you and her arms around you.  
Love, Anna Marie

**Anna marie Whelan** - July 18 at 09:09 PM