



James R. Conner

November 13, 1957 - January 28, 2016

1957-2016

James "Doobie" R. Conner, age 58, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016. He was born November 13, 1957, in Ft. Bragg, NC, and raised in Gallup, NM. James worked for the BNSF railroad as an engineer for 38 years, also served as vice local chairman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers from 1994-1997. He loved the outdoors from hunting to water Skiing. James loved sports, he enjoyed coaching little league baseball and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. Most of all James loved being around his friends and family. He is preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Conner. James is survived by his parents, James and Beverly Conner; wife, Laurie Conner; son, Casey; daughter, Crystal; and sister, Kim Lewis and her husband, Scott. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and many friends. Services will be on Friday, February 5, 2016, at Romero Funeral Home. A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers please make donations to AZ Transplant House, Shriners children's Hospital, or charity of your choice. Please sign James's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Romero Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. Conner



Romero Funeral Home - February 09, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ Marla De Armond-Chavez lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



Marla De Armond-Chavez - February 12, 2016 at 04:03 PM



I am so sorry for your loss, RIP Jimmy. My heart goes out to the families. Hugs and prayers to all.

Marla De Armond-Chavez - February 12, 2016 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ *The last time we spent time with the Conner's was July 31, 1995. I remember because it was my 40th birthday! What a fun time we had; Jon, Calgary and the Conner's, thank you! Thank you for the kindness, concern, and support you and your family provided, particularly since my husband had passed away several years earlier. Thank you for the years of good times and fellowship. You were a terrific role model and coach for Calgary (Cal) and a wonderful friend to Jon and me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Blessings, Jeannette (Baca), Jon, and Calgary Otero.*

Jeannette Baca - February 07, 2016 at 04:08 PM

KC

“ *It was a real shock to hear of Doobies passing. We didn't really get to know each other until the Gallup run through in 86. Although I retired years ago I can still remember the sound of his voice and laughter. The world could use a lot more Doobie Conners. Kevin R. Cox, Winslow. Retired.*



kevin r cox - February 06, 2016 at 02:27 AM

JM

“ Jimmy was such a BIG part of my life growing up. From him to Jimmy Tolson, Paul Munoz and others we were all a part of the Mossman kids. We spent many a day playing football on his street, basketball at Jimmy Tolson's house, visiting the girls in the neighborhood or just looking for something fun to do. How many nights of crazy fun did we all spend camping out in the canyon behind the Mossman area. There's hardly a single fun memory growing up in the Mossman area that doesn't, in some way include Jimmy. He never called be John or Johnny like so many others, just always greeted me with "Hey Mesich"! Jimmy, along with his family always treated me like an extension of their family, and I will forever hold that close to my heart. I loved you then my Brother, and I love you now. Rest in Peace my friend...I will always remember you!

John Mesich

John Mesich - February 05, 2016 at 09:40 AM

MW

“ We are
of you We will always remember his smile and the hugs he gave.
You are in our prayers. Sidney and Marla Walker

Marla and Sidney walker - February 05, 2016 at 08:30 AM

MD

“ I am so sad to hear that Jimmy died wish you all the best one thing I remember is when Jimmy Johnny Hamilton Ronnie Pinto and myself went to mechanic school in Denver Colorado that was a fun time

mike dellefield - February 05, 2016 at 05:53 AM

TH

“ I made many trips with Jimmy on the railroad. He was always fun to work with. He was a great guy. It was a real pleasure working with him and knowing him. My condolences to the family. -TD Hollinsworth

TD Hollinsworth - February 05, 2016 at 02:09 AM

DM

“ I was saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. I have so many good memories of fun times with him from elementary thru high school. He will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time. Rest in peace Jimmy.

Debbie Marsh Mosley

Debbie Mosley - February 04, 2016 at 07:50 PM

RR

Rest in Peace my good Friend. You will be missed.

Ray Romero-Winslow, AZ

Raymond Romero - February 06, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Romero Funeral Home - February 04, 2016 at 04:31 PM

RH

“ *Randi Hamilton lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner*



Randi Hamilton - February 04, 2016 at 04:13 PM

NE

“ *We met Jimmy and his family close to 20 years ago, when we all shared a goal of making Los Lunas Little League Baseball the best it could be. His work on behalf of the kids was tireless, and he sure knew how to teach the game and his love for it.*

Ever since, every time we see a freight train, my husband John says "There goes Jimmy Conner!" He has left such a positive feeling in our hearts, that has lasted many years.

Our deepest condolences to Jimmy's family for their loss. We are all a bit better for having know him.

Nancy and John Erickson

Nancy Erickson - February 04, 2016 at 02:59 PM

RW

“ Dear Bev, Jim, & Family "Dovie" was a great friend and I will always miss him!

May He be in Heaven, as some day I hope to be there.

I am in the rehab facility in Abq, but making progress with my walking problem,

Best wishes to every one!

Bye Ronald Welch

Ron Welch - February 04, 2016 at 01:40 PM

DA

“ Dawn Ann lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



Dawn Ann - February 04, 2016 at 01:01 PM

AC

“ Art & Toni Castillo lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



Art & Toni Castillo - February 04, 2016 at 12:29 PM

AT

Our deepest sympathy to all of the Conner Family. Jimmy was always so friendly, funny and liked to have a good time (lots of memories). You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Art & Toni - February 04, 2016 at 12:36 PM

LO

My thoughts and prayers go out to Laurie, Casey, Crystal and extended family. I met Jimmy and Laurie several years ago at the elementary school where Casey and Crystal attended. They were 2 of the nicest people I knew. Even though it's been several years since I've seen them, I was very saddened to read about Jimmys passing. The one thing I remember most about Jimmy was that wonderful smile he was never without. He always had a joke or something to say that made you laugh. As far as I could tell he was a wonderful father and a good husband. I'm sure he will be dearly missed by everyone who was fortunate to know him. May god bless you and help you in your time of need.

*All my love,
Lillian Otero*

Lillian Otero - February 04, 2016 at 05:06 PM

VA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Vancellen - February 04, 2016 at 08:54 AM

VF

“ Victor and Mary Fattor and family purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of James R. Conner.



Victor and Mary Fattor and family - February 03, 2016 at 10:26 PM

AN

“ AD "Denny" Nelson lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



AD "Denny" Nelson - February 03, 2016 at 08:36 PM

AN

It is with heart felt feelings of sadness at the loss of "Doobie." I extend my sympathy and love to family and friends at this time of grief. May the memories that we have all made with this great man be a beacon in our hearts.

AD "Denny" Nelson - February 03, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SG

“ Sandra Guzman lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



Sandra guzman - February 03, 2016 at 10:28 AM

BM

“ had some good times snow skiing with jimmy. many conductors told me he was the best train handler they ever worked with and I am sure his dad had big part in that. he was good hearted and very serious about his job. to all his family my sincere condolences for such loss way too soon. you are in barb and my thoughts and prayers and jimmy will always be a part of my good memories. sincerely, bill la munyon. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Bill La Munyon - February 03, 2016 at 08:44 AM

RB

Jimmy and Bev, so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. God bless you both. Your son will never be forgotten. Sincerely Robert and Sherry Boyd

Robert and Sherry Boyd - February 03, 2016 at 08:51 PM

CH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Conner family, sorry for your loss. He was an awesome guy who was full of laughs and good times, lots of memories!



Chris and Lashanna Hernandez - February 02, 2016 at 11:50 PM

KC

“ Little Jimmy always smiled and could talk your ear off. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to his family.
Kim Coffey

Kim Coffey - February 02, 2016 at 11:30 PM

TD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Tracie DiGregorio*



Tracie DiGregorio - February 02, 2016 at 07:47 PM

DD

“ *Dean DiGregorio lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner*



Dean DiGregorio - February 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM

LS

“ *To the Conner Family - Leslie and I were shocked and saddened to learn of Doobie's passing. He was a good man, friendly, helpful, fun to work with and just to be around. We will always be grateful for his support when we needed it most. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Leslie and Greg Silva - February 02, 2016 at 05:52 PM

BF

“ To the Conner Family, we are deeply saddened by your loss. We have lots of fond memories of Doobie and the Conner families. One that comes to mind is when we all lived in Gallup, he came over and helped Bucky re-rock our fireplace. He was always willing to help anyone work on any project. Another time, after we moved to Los Lunas Doobie and Ricky Fuller showed up to help Bucky shoot a new well. Doobie told Bucky to hold on to air compressor hose and when he turned it on it shot water all over Bucky. Doobie and Ricky got a big kick out of it. Doobie will be missed, he always had a smile on his face and gave great hugs. He was a fun loving person to be around. We will continue to keep this family in our prayers. Rest in peace Doobie!!!

Bucky & Brenda Butkovich & Family

Bucky & Brenda Butkovich & Family - February 01, 2016 at 06:36 PM

BU

“ There are too many memories to pick one single one out. Just know Jimmy, that I love you Bro, and we will see each other again. Rest in Peace Doobie.

Barry D Usrey - February 01, 2016 at 06:35 PM

MN

“ in the short time that I have gotten to know you in high school...you were one of the great friends to have....may you rest in peace....

Mike Nez - February 01, 2016 at 06:08 PM

JW

“ To the Conner family I am so very sorry for your loss. Have fond memories of Jimmy and his family in Gallup. RIP Jimmy till we meet again.

Jewel Kay (Clark) Waggoner - February 01, 2016 at 06:02 PM

DM

“ Was just thinking. Of you and some of the cool guys I went. school with from elem up. You will always be in my heart. May you rest in peace and and

👄 your spirit take you many places. Hug

dixie mcdonald - February 01, 2016 at 05:01 PM

EH

“ Jimmie and I went to high school together in Gallup, New Mexico. My thoughts and prayers go the whole family.

Eddi (Knight) Hoedebeck - February 01, 2016 at 02:12 PM

DW

“ Diane Hartz Ret. Engr Winslow lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



Diane Hartz ret. engr winslow - February 01, 2016 at 12:45 PM

PR

“ Pau And Kelly Rafa lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



pau and kelly rafa - February 01, 2016 at 12:44 PM

DR

“ *Danny Rainaldi lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner*



Danny Rainaldi - February 01, 2016 at 11:48 AM

BH

“ *I am profoundly saddened to hear the news of Jimmy's passing. He was a great friend to me in high school, some of my best memories are from times with him and many of our classmates. I truly appreciated J.B. and Bev always treating us boys like family, we were always welcome. I tried to treat the friends of my children the same way. I will see you all in Belen to share the loss and our fond memories. I feel blessed in many ways and the Conner family, especially Jimmy, were a big part of those blessings!*

Bernie Hurlbut - February 01, 2016 at 12:20 AM

JW

“ *Jerry & Lori Whitener lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner*



Jerry & Lori Whitener - January 31, 2016 at 04:04 PM

JE

What fun we had together. So sorry to hear this, prayers for the family & his many friends.

Jerry - January 31, 2016 at 04:07 PM

ZA

I was very sad to hear of Jimmy's passing. Although I hadn't seen him since High School, he was one of us "Mossman kids" and definitely part of my childhood. God speed, Jimmy.

Zorena Eoff Anderson - February 01, 2016 at 09:46 AM

JK

Grew up 3 doors down from the Conners, another Mossman kid. What a place to grow up! The Conners house was always open to us kids. I am so sorry for your loss.....

John Kirk - February 01, 2016 at 04:09 PM

DL

*Seems like I have loved the Connor family my whole life!
Jimmy was a great guy and I will forever hold many wonderful memories from high school, especially of all the sophomore girls chasing after all the cute senior guys, of which Jimmy was #1.
My love to Laurie and the kids, JB, Bev and my dear, dear friend Kim,
my heart breaks for everyone!
Luv Dawn Ann*

Dawn Livingston - February 02, 2016 at 12:18 PM

TC

“*Todd, Janice, Tina and Tomas Crum purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James R. Conner.*



Todd, Janice, Tina and Tomas Crum - January 31, 2016 at 02:04 PM

VA

“*We were all very lucky to have had Jimmy in our lives. As much as he will be missed by us all, Jimmy will remain with us all, every day, as long as we can remember. I'm not going to say good-bye. I am sure we will see each other again at our next Heavenly Reunion.*

Vancellen - January 31, 2016 at 10:17 AM

GR

“ As we move on in our lives, we often lose contact with those we grew up with, but never the memories. God grant you rest and peace Jim Conner and God Bless your family in their time of grief.
Greg Rice

Greg Rice - January 31, 2016 at 10:04 AM

CR

“ The old neighborhood will miss him as he always took care off our property and his own. I miss seeing him walking around in the early mornings.

Cindy Rivera - January 30, 2016 at 10:37 PM

CP

We have missed that...and just his friendly way of showing up when a hand or tool was needed!

Chelle Pell - February 01, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James R. Conner.



January 30, 2016 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to all of the Conner Family. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you. Jimmy was a fun and loving person, he always greeted you with his big smile and a big hug. He was a great coach and friend to my son Mark. My son Mark had great memories of his Little League days. Your Dad was a great coach to all the kids. But you Dad always called him Markie. And also a good friend to me and my daughter Martha. We believe that God has a special place in Heaven for Him. Jimmy may you rest in peace. To all the Conner family may you please find peace and comfort in knowing that we are praying for all of you today. He will be greatly missed. With our Sincere and Deepest Sympathy, Casilda ,Mark, Monique and Martha Sisneros.

Casilda Sisneros - January 30, 2016 at 04:01 PM

RA

“ RJ & Diane Arellano lit a candle in memory of James R. Conner



RJ & Diane Arellano - January 30, 2016 at 03:23 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of James R. Conner



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 29, 2016 at 08:47 PM

PJ

Paul Talamante Lit a candle in memory of JAMES R.CONNER

PAUL J.TALAMANTE - February 02, 2016 at 12:34 AM

JM

WAS VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF DOBBIE'S PASSING. I ALWAYS ENJOYED HIS HUMOR & LAUGHTER BOTH ON & OFF THE JOB. MY CONDOLENCES TO JB, BEV, KIM SCOT and ALL THE FAMILY.

JIM MCCLURE - February 02, 2016 at 11:13 PM

TF

We are so sorry for your loss! Love & prayers! Darwin Perry family

The Darwin Perry family - February 03, 2016 at 03:08 PM

JZ

"Dear Jim, Bev, & Kim, After reading all of these beautiful Condolences from so many friends, you have to be so proud of how so many people love you guys & your precious Son. Franklin & I are broken hearted for your loss. Of course we wish there was something we could do to ease the pain. God Bless you & give you the strenth to go on. Love Jerry Lee Zecca

JerryLee & Franklin Zecca - February 04, 2016 at 04:05 PM