



Helga Anneliese Conley

January 3, 1938 - August 11, 2022

Helga Anneliese Conley, age 84, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan E. Conley, and brother, Rudi Franken. Mrs. Conley is survived by her daughter, Caroline S. (Mark) Gunio of Summerville, SC; sons, Garry (Sandra) Albrecht of Lawrenceville and Rodney (Carrie) Conley of Dallas, GA; six grandchildren, Drew (Kate) Gunio, Holly Gunio, Nicole Albrecht, Michael Albrecht, Crosby Conley, Stella Conley; brother, Peter (Judy) Franken of Florida; and sister-in-law, Ingrid Franken of Germany. Mrs. Conley was born in Berlin, Germany and moved to the States when she was in her early twenties, settling in Rochester, NY. She then moved to Atlanta where she has resided for many years. Mrs. Conley loved to travel and go to casinos. Also, her passions were her dogs and antiquing. The family will have a visitation time with friends on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall



“ *Helga Anneliese Conley*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ For those of you know mom, you know how strong of a person she was. She wasn't always easy to get along with, we'll call it a big personality. She always left a lasting impression on those she met. A fighter till the very end.

Helga Franken was born in Berlin Germany in 1938 right before the start of World War 2. A toddler growing up while your city was being bombed was less than idyllic. Oma made sure that mom, Pete and Rudy had as good of a childhood as she could under very trying conditions. Having two older brother certainly didn't make her life easier as they by all accounts were handfuls as children. They never grew out of that.

Mom recounted during the Berlin airlift, American bombers dropped Hershey chocolate bars attached to small parachutes. She and her brothers learned life lessons such as by going to the end of the soup line, you'd get more meat as the good stuff settled to the bottom of the soup pot. They collected cigarette butts to scrape together the leftover tobacco to sell to others.

When mom moved to Canada before settling in Rochester New York, she spoke no English. She learned most of her English by watching episodes of "I Love Lucy". She never learned that people eat hamburgers(she always pronounced it as let's have hamburger for dinner).

Mom was a shrewd negotiator. She loved to haggle just to get it for the lowest price possible even if it wasn't something she really wanted. When dad decided to buy a new car, he'd pick out which one he liked and then let his chief negotiator handle the rest. She walked away from a car purchase because the salesman wouldn't give her the \$75 floor mats for free. The Christmas tree buying scene in "A Christmas Story" really hits home for me.

A few years back, she told me that she wanted my help to buy her a nice car. We went to a Mercedes dealer and sat down after driving

an SUV. The salesman had no idea what he was up against. When the salesman told her that there was a port delivery fee she was furious. She asked him "If the car was already coming here, why should I pay that fee?". We walked away and went to a BMW dealer. She bought the model in the showroom and paid for it on her Delta Skymiles card to get frequent flier points. Always seeking an advantage.

While we all have our faults, we never could question her dedication to her family. Thank you mom for that. You always had our back but would also skin our back if we were wrong. Those plastic spoons and hairbrushes were her favorite attitude adjusters.

You and dad can now visit Las Vegas one more time together.

Rodney Conley - August 19, 2022 at 10:11 PM

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Carol Morris - August 17, 2022 at 01:20 AM

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Carrie Conley - August 15, 2022 at 09:17 PM

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Michelle Jones - August 15, 2022 at 04:22 PM

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Garry Albrecht - August 14, 2022 at 11:15 AM

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Michelle Jones - August 14, 2022 at 10:33 AM

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Jeff & Joanne Ohlman - August 13, 2022 at 09:30 PM



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Rodney Conley - August 12, 2022 at 05:52 AM

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Gary, Carol, and Rodney. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Rebekah Mitchell - August 13, 2022 at 05:06 PM