



## Connie L. Sippel

August 17, 1955 - September 18, 2023

Connie L. Sippel, age 68, of Schaller, Iowa, died Monday, September 18, 2023 at her home in Schaller.

Funeral mass will take place Monday, September 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

The world became a brighter place with the arrival of Connie Lee O'Meara on August 17, 1955. She was born at Ida Grove Hospital to William and Beverly (Daugaard) O'Meara. She attended Storm Lake St. Mary's School, graduating with the class of 1973. She is remembered by her many friends for her unique sense of humor and easy-going manner.

On April 26, 1974, Connie was united in marriage to Steven Sippel in Storm Lake, Iowa. They made their home in rural Schaller, where they raised five children: Nicholas, Sarah, Daniel, Tom and Chelsea.

Connie was an active member of Sacred Heart parish for nearly 50 years. She served as an usher, a communion distributor, religion education instructor and

president of the Guild.

Adapting quickly to life in the country, Connie took up gardening, which became a lifelong passion. The summer months were her favorite - she spent all of her time outdoors, planting flower gardens and vegetables. In autumn, she canned the bounty for winter.

Connie was a talented and creative seamstress, and she was gifted at many other handcrafts and homemaking skills. She could transform a room with a gallon of paint and a bolt of material. She sewed everything from curtains to quilts. Receiving a gift from Connie meant receiving a gift from her heart and her talent, whether it was a set of embroidered towels or a pint of her produce.

For ten years, Connie worked as an aid at St. Mary's School, while driving the bus for Sacred Heart parish students. For the following 20 years, she drove bus for Schaller Crestland and Ridgeview School districts, retiring in 2021.

Connie loved her family more than anything and treasured snuggles with her grandchildren. Her time with them was never idle; she shared her love of crafts with them. She organized Easter scavenger hunts and did her best to make every holiday a memorable occasion.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Steven, children Nicholas Sippel, Sarah (Adam) Babcock; Daniel Sippel, Thomas Sippel, Chelsea Sippel; sisters Teresa Mahn and Mary (Kevin) Richardson; grandchildren Kaylee, Nicholas II, Brandon, Ciaran, Brighton, Viola, Ruby, Fallon, Soren; great-grandchildren Rosaline, Everleigh, Maisie, Kai; brother-in-law Mark (Julie) Sippel, sisters-in-law Lisa Sippel, Susan Beckman and Alyce Sippel, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding Connie in death are her parents, Bill and Beverly O'Meara, sister

Debbie Morgan, parents-in-law Bill and Betty Sippel; brothers-in-law Larry Sippel, Neal Sippel, Billy Sippel, and Richard Mahn.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.  
Early, IA 50535

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Mass

SEP **25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa  
501 Church Street  
Early, IA 50535  
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie L. Sippel*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 24, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Tom & Family - I'm incredibly sorry for your loss. Wishing everybody who knew Connie strength. Regards, Oscar (J&J)*

Oscar Verkooij - September 28, 2023 at 05:45 AM



“ *Tom,*

*I am sorry for your lost, it is a difficult moment and rough journey for your families to go through. Even though I can not be there in person, I will keeps you and your love ones within my prayers.*



G.Mateny - September 27, 2023 at 07:03 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 24, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ 360 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 24, 2023 at 12:21 PM

GR

“ So many fond memories of working with Connie at St. Mary's.

Gale Randall - September 23, 2023 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ Maureen Strader lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel



Maureen Strader - September 23, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JR

“ JnJ Finance Dept, Julie and Rebecca purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Connie L. Sippel.



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**JnJ Finance Dept, Julie and Rebecca** - September 22, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JR

“ JnJ Finance Dept, Julie and Rebecca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie L. Sippel.

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**JnJ Finance Dept, Julie and Rebecca** - September 22, 2023 at 04:44 PM

LI

“ Tom & Family - I'm incredibly sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. ~Lindsay Gauthier, J&J

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**Lindsay** - September 22, 2023 at 04:23 PM

JJ

“ Johnson & Johnson purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of Connie L. Sippel.



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**Johnson & Johnson** - September 22, 2023 at 01:58 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bueb lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel*



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**Cathy Bueb** - September 21, 2023 at 09:47 PM

RF

“ *Ron Harris and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Connie L. Sippel.*



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**Ron Harris and Family** - September 21, 2023 at 05:20 PM

BB

“ *Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel*



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**Bob Baschke** - September 21, 2023 at 11:28 AM

AS

“ *She was my bus driver when I was a child, she was always so kind. She would always wait and make sure I got into the house. She will be missed dearly. Condolences to the family.*

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**Alexis Stadler** - September 20, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie L. Sippel.*



September 20, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Jen Lauderville lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel*



**Jen Lauderville** - September 20, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie L. Sippel.*



September 20, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *A Candle has been lit in memory of Connie Sippel. May she now RIP. May the families be at peace too.*



*Joy, Peace & Love, Lary & Patty Gunville,  
Storm Lake*

**PATTY GUNVILLE** - September 20, 2023 at 01:04 AM

SC

“ *Samantha Corrin lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel*



Samantha Corrin - September 19, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JM

“ *Jacki Wilson, Jake Wilson and Family, Jessica & Daniel Daley and Family and Wally Moller purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Connie L. Sippel.*



Jacki Wilson, Jake Wilson and Family, Jessica & Daniel Daley and Family and Wally Moller - September 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Prayers and sympathy to the families. So sorry for your loss.*



Sally Rassler - September 19, 2023 at 01:39 PM

SM

“ *Storm Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel*



Storm Lake Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance - September 19, 2023 at 12:56 PM

PF

“ I'm so glad I had the chance to see you and talk to you just a short week ago. Eternal rest unto you, and let perpetual light shine upon you.



Peg Flynn - September 19, 2023 at 10:59 AM

TN

“ A beautiful soul who will be missed. Connie went quietly about life blessing everyone she met. Our sympathy to the Sippel and O'Meara Families.

Terry & Kerry Noethe - September 19, 2023 at 10:57 AM

RW

“ Rebecca Darrell wolf lit a candle in memory of Connie Sippel



Rebecca & Darrell wolf - September 19, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ I'm thankful for the time we spent folding origami, knitting yarn on plastic canvases, and putting puzzles together. When I think of my grandma, nothing but warm and cozy memories come to mind.



Nicholas Sippel II - September 19, 2023 at 10:18 AM

DF

“ As the seasons come and go, May each one bring special memories to hold in your heart forever! Thinking of you and prayers for comfort during this difficult time!



Deb Frederiksen - September 19, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CB

“ The love shown by this family toward their mother during these past months was touching and true. No doubt, Connie left this earth knowing she was loved and appreciated. May you be comforted by knowing she had no doubts and is now in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior. Our condolences. Bill and Cheryl Baughman

Cheryl and Bill Boughman - September 18, 2023 at 08:25 PM

NM

“ To the family of Connie...  
I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you.



Nancy (Neuroth) Miller - September 18, 2023 at 07:52 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the family of Connie  
Sipple and family  
Love Sue Mason Milford



Susan Mason - September 18, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ Grace Casson lit a candle in memory of  
Connie Sippel



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**Grace Neuroth Casson** - September 18, 2023 at 06:52 PM