



## Cornelius "Conn" Witt

July 3, 1933 - December 14, 2017

Cornelius "Conn" Witt, age 84, of Holland, entered into his heavenly home on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Conn grew up in the Holland area, and served in the Army during the Korean War. After graduating from Calvin College, he moved to Ripon, CA. He taught English at Ripon Christian High School, Chicago Christian High and Manteca Unified. Conn returned to Holland in 2013. He enjoyed singing and was part of the Golden Valley Barbershop Chorus for 15 years while in California. Conn is survived by his wife of 62 years, Geraldine Witt; children: Shelley (Doug) Terpstra, Kimberly (Jeremy) Meyer, and daughter-in-law Armitta Witt; grandchildren: Jared (Abby) Terpstra, Jennifer (Matthew) Velderman, Jacob Meyer, Menamo Meyer, Xavier Meyer, Andrew (Shawna) Conley, Elizabeth Witt, and Alex Witt; as well as two great-grandchildren; sisters: Saramae (Gordon) Vander Ark and Jeanne (Ed) Ausema; sisters-in-law: Shirley Witt and Tilly Witt. Conn was preceded in death by his son, Dave Witt; brothers: John Witt and David Witt. A memorial service will be at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017 at Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave. Holland, MI 49423. Pastor Dan Walcott and Rev. Bill Brownson will officiate. Memorial contributions are to Stockton Gospel Rescue Mission of Ripon, CA or to Mission India. The family is being served by the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home. [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cornelius "Conn" Witt*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Condolences to all of Conn's family members. I wondered about him, having not heard anything for some time. I am thankful for this website through which I found why there was no longer any contact. It saddens me to hear of his passing. Conn and I corresponded many times through the years about Witt family information. I learned valuable insights about my great grandparents (his grandparents) through his kindly letters, first via US post and then through email and Facebook. He was very generous about sharing stories of the family. I trust we will meet up in the presence of our great God and Savior some happy day."*

Ruth Hammer - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Shelly and Kim, I just got word today of Conn's passing. I am so sorry to hear the news. He was my best friend for many years in Ripon and we had many adventures together over those years. I have such fond memories of our years together with Brent Folkerts as the summer time painting crew around Ripon. I was able to see Conn just this past September in Michigan and had a great time talking about our years together. May God bless you as you go through the sorrow of saying your goodbyes to such a wonderful man and a gifted singer. Love to you all. Glenn VandenBosch Monteagle, Tennessee"*

Glenn VandenBosch - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Geri and family, My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Conn. I was blessed to have had him as my high school English teacher at RC and thus, he influenced my life in untold ways. He impressed upon me a love of poetry and English literature. He encouraged my need to write, and as a result I hold a degree in Literature. He was kind to those of us who got lost in the crowd during our high school years, and I will never forget that he assigned a part he knew I wanted in the school play. He was a gracious gentleman when that meant something. I know you will miss him dearly. Mary Swier Bolhuis”

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**Mary Swier Bolhuis** - December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“My condolences to Conn's family, his sisters and sisters-in-law. He was my first cousin, though I really didn't know him. I believe I only met him once at a mini-Witt family reunion picnic in Grand Rapids when I was a young child, sometime between 1957 and 1961 when my sister Marie was in Calvin. I wish I had known him better. He had a wonderful voice; I heard a him sing on a facebook post by Geri Witt, I believe, a couple of years ago. My Uncle John Hughes (through my marriage to Wayne), knew him, and told me of his visit with him last summer.”

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**Betty** - December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Shelly, Kim, and Armita; Our families sympathy in the passing of your father. We have many good memories of times with your family. Prayer for you in this time. Shellie and Clarence Schuiling”

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**Shellie Schuiling** - December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“We have many wonderful memories from childhood years at Con & Geri's house on Sunday afternoons. Later he would be a soloist our our wedding and painted our house several times over the years.i certainly hoped to be ble to visit him on our next trip to Michigan but will look up his daughters instead. Our sympathy to you all, Gregg and Cheryl (Schuiling) Steensma”

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**Cheryl Steensma** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“Geri, I am so sad to hear that Conn died. I remember you talking about him, when we worked together in the ER. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.”

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**Michelle Davis** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BT

“Shelly, Kim and families, so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. When we spoke at 2nd CRC a few weeks ago you had said he was doing well. We will be keeping you in our prayers.Barb (Brinks) Toonstra”

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**Barb Toonstra** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LW

“Shelly and Kim and families, You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time,God`s blessings to you in the days ahead.”

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**Lois Winkel** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Dear Shelly, Kim, Armita and all the grandchildren Conn so loved- We are praying for you all- thank you so much for letting us know. Conn always brought light, joy and hope wherever he went. We all will miss him and his powerful voice- "O Lord, Most Holy"- I can still hear it. Love, Carolyn and Abe”

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**A friend** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“To Shellie and Kim I am so sorry about the passing away of your father. Your mom and I were friends for years and years. Your father had a beautiful singing voice and my favorite song that he sang was "O Holy Night". Ann Meade”

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**A friend** - December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM