

Lord make me an INSTRUMENT of
Thy *peace*;
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, FAITH;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
& where there is sadness, *Joy*.
O DIVINE MASTER,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console; to be understood,
as to understand; to be loved,
as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned
and it is in dying,
that we are born to ETERNAL LIFE.

-St. Francis of Assisi



In Loving
M E M O R Y

Connie Rae Joy

August 12, 1945 - July 29, 2026

Connie Rae Joy, age 80, of Iowa City and formerly of Perry, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Legacy Senior Living in Iowa City.

Connie was born on August 12, 1945, in Fairfield, Iowa, to Noble and Clara (Donald) Kiger. She graduated from Fairfield High School before earning her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

On June 12, 1966, Connie was united in marriage to William "Bill" Joy at the United Methodist Church in Fairfield, Iowa. She dedicated many years of service as the school nurse for the Perry Community School District, where she cared for countless students and families. Connie was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church, P.E.O., and the Dallas County Board of Health.

Connie had many talents and passions. She enjoyed reading, playing the piano and was a beautiful singer. She and Bill loved taking road trips together, especially traveling Iowa's scenic byways. She was an active volunteer with the Perry Free Medical Clinic, a cause that remained close to her heart. Connie was also known as an exceptional cook and baker, always sharing her love through meals and treats made for family and friends. Above all, she was a devoted grandmother who treasured every moment spent with her grandson and deeply loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Noble and Clara Kiger; her beloved husband, Bill Joy; her brother, Keith Glenn; sisters-in-law, Patricia Glenn and Virginia Joy Poffenberger; and brother-in-law, Richard Poffenberger.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, John Joy, Susan Joy, and Patricia (David) Sutton; her cherished grandson, Gehrig Sutton; brother-in-law, James Joy; along with many extended family members and dear friends.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Connie Rae Joy

Date Of Birth

August 12, 1945 - Fairfield, Iowa

Date of Death

July 29, 2026 - Iowa City, Iowa

Memorial Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, August 7, 2026

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel

Officiating Clergy

Lou Hoger

Recorded Music Selections

"Hallelujah", Brandi Carlile

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow", Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

"Unchained Melody", The Righteous Brothers

Honorary Pallbearers

Bob Glenn - Dan Glenn - Bill Glenn

Tom Poffenberger - Jim Pffenberger - Liz Poffenberger

Final Resting Place

Violet Hill Cemetery - Perry, Iowa

Directly following the burial, everyone is invited to the
La Poste for a time of fellowship and lunch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to
the Iowa Diabetes Association or the Perry Area Food Pantry.