



## Connie A. Strait

October 27, 1931 - March 16, 2025

Constance “Connie” Strait, age 93, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI. Connie was born on October 27, 1931 at her maternal grandparents home in Dexter, MI, the daughter of Ruth and Charles McCarbery. She held degrees from Cleary College, Washtenaw Community College and was a Certified Municipal Clerk and Certified Administrative Assistant. She lived the majority of her life in Saline and grew up living in the two houses that were eventually razed for City Hall, although she spent winters at her Florida home in later years.

She became a public servant for the City of Saline in 1961 and retired from there in March 1988 as City Clerk. During this period she also held other titles and was an active member in numerous professional and municipal organizations, as well as serving on many City, County and State Commissions and Committees. She was elected to City Council for four years and served as Mayor Protem. She was also appointed by the Brecon Town Council, Wales, UK to the position of Honorary Town Clerk. She was employed as a Judicial Coordinator for Circuit Judge and former Mayor Donald E. Shelton for six years following her retirement from the City.

She was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, the Saline Chapter 311 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and an over 69-year member of the Saline American Legion Auxiliary.

On August 30, 1973, she married Elwin (Mike) Strait in London Township and he preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Dona Jedele of Clinton MI, grandchildren Kelli (Todd) Pollard of Clinton MI, Kevin (Carrie) Vershum of Clinton MI, Great Grandchildren Jonah Jeffrey Jr, Addyson Vershum, Henry Dale Vershum and Grace Pollard all of Clinton MI, very special loved ones, Jeff, Sheryl, Jeffrey II Feldkamp and Jennifer (Feldkamp) Dubnicki and their families, as well as special nieces Sharon Kuhn. Sandy Willimas. Kathleen Dieterle, and Carol Kind. Connie was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, a grandson, her son and a son in law.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, April 4, 2025 from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline. A celebration of her life will be held at 3:00 P.M. with Pastor Jim Coran and Circuit Judge (ret.) Donald E. Shelton officiating. Following the service a luncheon will be held at the Saline American Legion Post #322. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to SafeHouse Center, 4100 Clark Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. To leave a memory you have of Connie, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsalinel.com](http://www.rbfhsalinel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline  
122 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline  
122 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI

## Luncheon

APR 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

Saline American Legion  
320 West Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://www.salinelegion.org/>



# Tribute Wall

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“*Connie I still miss you every day. I want to pick up the phone to tell you what’s going on down here in North Carolina. I had you in my life for so long and relied on you more than I realized. But, I still talk to you and I swear you give me your opinion. Please keep it coming. Love you*

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**Anita Reese** - October 08, 2025 at 01:46 PM

MH

“*I first met Connie in 1980. To me, she represented all that was good about Saline City Hall. Bright, cheerful and friendly encompassed only a part of her personality; these traits were combined with a very high level of competence. Connie demanded excellence from herself and those she worked with. I recall a City Clerk who was consistently supportive and helpful, even through the difficult times. Connie will always hold a special place in my heart.*

*Donna, unfortunately Vicki and I will be out of state for the memorial service of a dear friend on the 4th. You will be in our thoughts.*

*Mark Hopper*

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**Mark Hopper** - March 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

SK

“*Some people simply exist. Connie lived life to the fullest, giving each day all her energy with that wonderful smile. Most of the time, you knew there was laughter bubbling behind it. What a blessing she was to all of us.*

*Susan Keezer*

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**Susan E Keezer** - March 24, 2025 at 08:07 AM

AS

“ I met Connie through Washtenaw County. A group of us would get together once a month for dinner if she was in town. Connie has always been kind and considerate of others. May she rest in peace.

Anne Strieter

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Anne Strieter - March 20, 2025 at 04:51 PM

SM

“ Connie and my mom went to Saline Schools together, class of '49. I met Connie through Charlie and Donna after I graduated from high school. Many years later we would chat in the Hallmark store where I worked. It was such a joy to catch up with her, such a lovely lady. And of course, my husband and I would see her while walking. Many of those mornings it was pretty dark, but she always had her flashlight!

God bless you and comfort you, dear family of Connie.

Sue (Carter) Mulka

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Sue Mulka - March 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Sheryl Feldkamp - March 20, 2025 at 01:49 PM

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Beautiful Connie. A blessing to us all in Rolling Meadows Townhouses Cooperative

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noraleen - April 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM

DS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Donald Shelton** - March 20, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BS

“ *I met Connie many years ago and was blessed to have a great friendship with her. I will miss her quit wit and the great conversations, and of course breakfast at Coney. Rest in peace friend.*

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**Bonnie Smith** - March 19, 2025 at 12:41 AM

TK

“ *I am a neighbor of Connie. She was always walking and keeping herself fit. Donna I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Teri (Passow) King*

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**Teri (Passow) King** - March 18, 2025 at 03:43 PM

JL

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Connie in the Clerks office at the City before she retired. She was a great boss/mentor & friend. RIP Connie.*

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**Jackie Lindimore** - March 18, 2025 at 06:56 AM