



## Kevin Paul Connolly

April 17, 1952 - May 23, 2020

Kevin Paul Connolly, age 68, passed away Saturday, May 23, 2020, at his home in Venice, Fla., surrounded by his loved ones, after a six month battle with cancer. Born in Medford, Mass. on April 17, 1952, the son of Paul J. and Rosemarie (Doucet) Connolly, he was a cherished husband, father and grandfather, who will be dearly missed.

Kevin received his engineering degree from the University of Dayton, where he met his wife, Barbara Bunch. He began his career with the Mead Paper Company in Chillicothe, Ohio and transferred to Escanaba, Mich., where he resided and raised his family for more than 20 years before relocating with Barb to Venice in 2003.

Kevin enjoyed camping, hiking, and boating with family and friends. He was a private pilot, avid aviation and classic car enthusiast, and had a love for all things motorized, possessing an uncanny ability to fix anything. Most recently, he enjoyed visiting National Parks with his companion, Linda, and traveling to see his grandchildren. He was also active in his community, volunteering at Our Lady of Perpetual of Help (OLPH) Retreat Center and Knights of Columbus.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara and father, Paul.

He is survived by his mother Rosemarie (Doucet); his children, son Keith and wife Lauren, daughter Kristen and husband Matthew Smith; grandchildren Kora, Liam and Parrish; brothers Thomas and Timothy and their families.

Celebration of Life to occur at 11:00 am Friday, Epiphany Cathedral, Rev. Mark Yavarone, Celebrant.

Friends may call 5-7 pm Thursday at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285.

A burial service will be held next week in Chillicothe, Ohio.

The family welcomes donations to OLPH Retreat Center in Venice as an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel  
140 E. Venice Ave  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 488-7737  
info@toalebrothers.com  
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

## A Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church  
310 Sarasota Street  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 484-3505

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I have many memories of Kevin and Barbs years on S 29th street in Escanaba. Our kids growing up together and surviving neighborhood parties. Loved the big classic convertible he drove. My sympathies to Keith and Kristin. Jane Verhamme Gundry

Jane Gundry - May 27, 2020 at 07:01 PM

RG

“ I am saddened to hear of Kevin's passing. I knew Kevin from the Mead paper mill in Escanaba. He worked for me in an engineering group for about 5 years and took over my position when I moved on to other responsibilities at the mill. Kevin was both a good friend as well as a good engineer. He was always pleasant and capable. One strong memory I have of Kevin is the time we made a business trip to Dayton for Mead and we took the time to visit to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. He was an avid aviator and we both greatly enjoyed the museum visit. Another strong memory of Kevin is that he was an avid Star Trek fan. I remain so to this day and we always enjoyed talking about both the TV series and the Star Trek movies. Kevin was both a treasured friend and a fine human being. Rest in peace, Kevin.



Richard L Granger - May 27, 2020 at 02:24 PM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Connolly family at this time of loss. Kevin will be missed.  
Barbara Lahiff Wood

Barbara Lahiff Wood - May 26, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Paul Connolly.*



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May 26, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *We were blessed to meet Kevin when our nephew, Matt, married Kristen. Over the years, we shared many family events together at Kathy's house. Kevin was kind and gentle man who enjoyed the company of others. May God provide his loved ones comfort during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Chris and Joe Bradley*

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**Joe and Chris Bradley** - May 26, 2020 at 01:54 PM



*Blessings*

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**Joe and Chris Bradley** - May 26, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Although Kevin was only a resident of Ironwood for a few years, he was an important member of our community. He often was at our social gatherings, shy, but smiling and bringing joy to us. May he rest in peace,*

*Bob and Sue DiCaprio, Ironwood Villa residents*

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**Bob and Sue DiCaprio** - May 25, 2020 at 04:52 PM

BS

“ *Mark and I will miss Kevin! We enjoyed our interesting conversations during our gatherings at Ironwood club house! Kevin always had a kind smile and through our talking you could tell he had a caring nature! Please know that many thoughts are with the family, and all who knew and loved him! God Bless and with sincere sorrow,  
Mark and Beth Schulte  
772 Wedgewood Court  
Ironwood Villias*

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**Beth Schulte** - May 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM

BD

“ *On behalf of all the residents of Ironwood Villas the Board of Directors would like to extend our sympathies to Kevin's family, his companion Linda, and all his friends. We will miss him here in Ironwoods.*

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**Bob DiCaprio** - May 25, 2020 at 02:16 PM