



## Lloyd E. Conley

March 8, 1924 - November 2, 2019

Lloyd E. Conley, age 95, of Rogers City (formerly Farwell) passed away on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, at the Pioneer Golden Estates in Clare, Michigan. He was born the son of Lloyd E. Sr. and Meta (Dumsch) Conley on March 8, 1924, in Rogers City, Michigan. Lloyd served in the US Army Air Corps during the WWII era. He studied Music and Education at Central Michigan University and completed his Masters Degree at Michigan State University. Lloyd married the former Helen Holzschu in 1951 and she preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 2003. He had an illustrious career as a High School Band Instructor with Harbor Springs, Greenville, and Clare Public Schools. He had composed and published several music scores for High School Marching Bands. His published works number approximately 350. Lloyd had entered and won a contest for the Kansas State Sesquicentennial celebration for his composition and direction of his piece titled Kansa Suite.

Lloyd is survived by his sons, Thomas Conley of Ocklawaha, Fla., David (Linda) Conley of Farwell, Mi., his daughter-in-law, Sue Conley of Hampton Rhodes, Va., his grandchildren, Clayton, Chris, and Rachel Conley, a sister Lois Furtaw of Rogers City, and brother, James Conley of Battle Creek. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen and his son Patrick.

In keeping with Lloyd's wishes, cremation will take place and his final resting place will be in the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Rogers City, Michigan. A memorial will take place at a later date. Arrangements were made with the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes, Clare and Farwell, Michigan.



# Cemetery Details

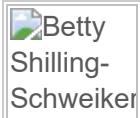
## Mount Calvary Cemetery

Rogers City, MI 49779

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall



“ dave sorry to hear of the passing of your father what a long life he had remember it all he always made me laugh much like you betty

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**Betty Shilling-Schweikert** - November 14, 2019 at 10:27 AM

A grey square profile picture with the initials 'MC' in white.

“ Very sorry for the loss of your Dad Tom & Dave. Uncle Lloyd was a man of integrity who we loved. A true classic, full of character and as his brothers would say, “oh what a character he is”. Each year since Uncle Lloyd returned to Rogers City we would meet at the NE corner of 3rd & Orchard during the Nautical Festival parade where we had many laughs together. It amazed us that at 93 years, limited vision and route in mind, he navigated that ole 3-wheeler from home through town with tactical precision. We loved his unique sense of humor, love of people and all things music. We will miss him. God Bless and keep you.

*Cousin Mike & Crystal*

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**Mike Conley** - November 06, 2019 at 11:58 AM

JW

“ We went to Clare this weekend. I was looking forward to visiting my former band teacher. He allowed me to start band even though I missed summer beginning band. I knew nothing about the old clarinet that I held in my hand the day I asked if I could join. He could have said...sorry...too late....but instead he showed me how to put it together and gave me a reed... which I broke as I put it on.....lol..

He had no clue then, that the little girl in front of him would be a music teacher someday or that music would be her passion...he didnt know that he would attend my very first band festival as a music teacher. I remember well what he said to me that day. He called me "smarty pants."...that it took him years of teaching before he got straight I's.

I spent an afternoon with him this last summer, and when I left, he asked when I would be back. (He is in assisted living in Clare.) I brought along my new sparkly sweater to wear so he could see me well with his loss of eyesight. I was meaning to bring my clarinet and play his arrangement of duet Joy to the World.. .i have one part all recorded on cd ready to play...but didnt make it a priority. He would have loved it. . .just as we were arriving to Clare, my friend wrote and said he passed. .

Each time I visited him he was still teaching me..... such an inspiring man. Never lost his passion. This summer he told me that that music was already in me, all he did was pull it out of me....and that was my job as a teacher too. Rest in peace Lloyd Conley.. and thank you for pulling the music from within me... it was, and is life changing.

I'm gonna wear my sparkly sweater tomorrow and smile as I look at the faces of my precious students and think to myself. .. music is already in you....

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**jacquie wood** - November 05, 2019 at 10:41 PM

BB

“ *Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Lloyd E. Conley*



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**Bob Bergey** - November 05, 2019 at 03:31 PM

BB

“ *I am so blessed to have had this man in my life. I can't begin to recount all that he showed me about music and how it impacted my daily life. He was a wonder man and one of the best teachers I have ever known. His impact on my life will still be there when I see him again.* ❤️

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**Bob Bergey** - November 05, 2019 at 03:29 PM

BH

“ *I'm sorry to learn of the passing of this amazing man. He impacted the lives of so many with his music and those memories will live on far into the future.*

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**Bruce Hales** - November 05, 2019 at 10:55 AM

SD

“ Dear Conley-Family!

*We are the Dumsch-family from Germany. My father (Josef Dumsch) was in contact with Lloyd for many years. We are very sad to hear that Lloyd passed away.*

*In every letter to my father he wrote a little bit in German speech in order to show us the german family background - it was very affecting for us.*

*So we say thank you that he always kept in touch with our german family.*

*Many greetings from the Dumsch-family from Germany!*

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**Sybille Dumsch** - November 05, 2019 at 02:11 AM

CB

*How kind of you to respond. I am Lloyd's niece, daughter of Donald Conley. Because of Lloyd's good work on our family history, we have some of those treasures (letters from the past and such.) German was one of several languages i studied, for a time, many years ago. Guten Abend ~ Carrie Bryson*

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**Carrie Bryson** - November 05, 2019 at 03:41 PM

SD

*Guten Abend Carrie, thank you for your friendly comment. It's wonderful to hear from you. Sorry my bad english. Ich freue mich sehr über Ihren Beitrag. Lloyd and my father made it coming real to have the contact between our familys. So my father knows your family history. He surely can show me the family tree from Uncle John. So I can find Donald and you. I will visit my parents in two weeks. I hope that Rachel and me can continue this wonderful contact. I am sure that Lloyd would be very pleased with it. Herzliche Grüße Sybille Dumsch*

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**Sybille Dumsch** - November 06, 2019 at 02:41 PM

KK

“ Dear Cousins Dave and Tom - When I got the news about Uncle Lloyd, the feeling was very similar to the way I felt when OUR Dad died. A sad loss. Our Dads even resembled each other in their final years: i.e.the "Conley" came through. When I saw your Dad in August, he was interested and interesting, talkative and humorous. And he had a big strawberry-and-whipped-cream waffle at Big Boy. Didn't even consult the menu. He went straight for the gusto! He was a careful, extraordinarily good woodworker. as evidenced by the "Dumsch wedding dress" display on the lower level of the Rogers City museum. His labor-of-love book, honoring his brothers as "Blubber Blasters" is housed in that same museum and probably in the Rogers City library, as well. I am grateful that he made a memorial plaque with the photo & history of the original Dumsch wood cabin (it hangs on a wall in my house). Grateful for his research into the German branch of our family history (he spoke some German and translated it, to get the job done for that book!) Grateful for his MUSIC!! The Blubber Blast song, the many band pieces he wrote, arranged and published, the way he could wail on that trombone, the way he could accompany ANY song on the piano, in ANY key and get every chord correct. He was a gifted music teacher and even led a band 'back in the CMU days' in the manner of Guy Lombardo (only it said "LC" on the music stands)! As a "Professor of Murdered English" - aka POME Inc. (poet) - he wrote great poems, often in rhythm, for about 50 years . He will be missed by all who knew him (most especially by you two guys) as a good, faithful family man, a man of integrity. So sorry you lost your good Dad. There is a saying that if you want to be remembered, write something worth reading or do something worth writing about: Your Dad did BOTH. He will be remembered for his music, his poetry, his artistry with wood and of course, as your own special Dad. Requiescat in pace. May you have some peace, as well. God Bless you. "Cuz" Kate

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Kate Kent - November 04, 2019 at 10:12 PM

CB

“ Tom, Dave, Sue and families: Our condolences on the loss of your dad/grandpa. Another Conley boy gone from our midst ~ may God give you peace and comfort as you mourn the loss of his presence here on earth. In going through my mom's things, I found some very nice notes your dad wrote to my mom Evelyn, keeping her up-to-date on the Blubber Blast doings as well as family news. I appreciated that he took the time to do that for his deceased brother's wife. <3 So long, Spooner :)

Your cousin, Carrie (Conley) Bryson

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**Carrie Bryson** - November 04, 2019 at 06:12 PM