



## Minnie Lee Connor

March 8, 1917 - October 7, 2021

Minnie Lee Shaw Conner passed away on October 7, 2021. She was born March 8, 1917, to Teresa and Christian Wilbeck of Pierce, TX. She graduated from El Campo H.S. in 1936. After graduating from Texas Woman's University in 1939, she moved to Garwood, TX, and began teaching first and second grades in the Garwood School. In 1941 she married Edward Lee Shaw of Garwood and continued to teach until 1945. After Ed Lee died in 1956, she resumed teaching at Columbus Elementary School until 1969, where she was affectionately known as "Miss Minnie." She returned to Garwood Elementary and retired in 1980. In 1977 she married Guy Conner of El Campo, TX, who preceded her in death in 1995.

A vibrant, independent woman, Minnie Lee was an active member of many organizations in Colorado County, beginning in the 1940's and remaining active in Delta Kappa Gamma, Colorado Co. Retired Teachers Assoc., Lehrer United Methodist Church, Garwood/Nada Gadabouts, and volunteering at Rice Medical Center. She had an open heart and door for any and all. She will be missed by a host of family members and an abundance of friends.

She is survived by daughter Linda Shaw Swanson of San Antonio, son Chris W. Shaw and wife Deborah of San Antonio, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Private interment is at Garden of Memories, El Campo, TX. Pallbearers were Chad Shaw, Ryan Rumohr, Kelly Smith, Edward Eiland, Walde Schiurring, and Terry Marek.

Memorials in her name may be made to Lehrer United Methodist Church, Garwood, TX, Garwood Volunteer Fire Dept. PO Box 131, Garwood, TX 77442, the streetlight fund of Garwood Association for Restoration, P.O. Box 23, Garwood, 77442 TX , or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Garden of Memories**


US Business 59 and CR 358  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Minnie Lee was a faithful member of Lehrer Memorial UMC. I had many good visits with her in her home. My regards to her family and the congregation in Garwood. Pastor Ardie Nelson*

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**Ardie Nelson** - January 08, 2022 at 11:17 PM

 Carole Linton

“ *One of the most gracious, heartfelt ladies I have ever met. Dale and I are both honoured to have spent time with her. We are sure she is walking the streets of gold with Annie Mae and Jean.*

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**Carole Linton** - October 14, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Minnie Lee Connor.*



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October 11, 2021 at 08:35 PM

MS

“ *What a wonderful life she lived ! Minnie Lee touched the lives of hundreds if not thousands of people of several generations through her teaching , volunteering and living out her Christian faith and witness . She was a great Mother , friend and example . She is loved and missed by all who knew her . Mitchel and Patsy Smith .*

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**Mitchel Smith** - October 10, 2021 at 11:55 AM

SF

*Ever once in a lifetime you meet an angel here on earth who touches people in some many ways and leaves their heart print on our souls. Miss Minnie's friendship and love was a forever gift to share and spread to generations in the future. To know her was to love her; to love her was priceless ♡.*

*Sandra & Leroy Frnka*

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**sandra frnka** - October 11, 2021 at 09:27 PM

JD

“ *Jim & Rita Danklefs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Minnie Lee Connor.*



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**Jim & Rita Danklefs** - October 09, 2021 at 01:32 PM

JD

“ *Ms MinnieLee has been like a second Mom to me for around 60 years, I loved sitting with her on the wonderful screened porch and sharing stories! When I left Garwood, every trip home, I would stop for a visit and catch up what was going on locally! In the last year or so, I'd call her monthly to say hello and a visit on the phone and she was always excited to hear from me! She will remain in my heart forever! Condolences to Linda and Chris!....love, JimD*

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**Jim Danklefs** - October 09, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DN

“ *Such a sweet sweet lady! I always was excited when my mom would stop by her house in Garwood.*

*Debbie Green Nelson*



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**Debbie Nelson** - October 09, 2021 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ *What an amazing person! Taught countless children during her career in education. I was blessed to have a number of great teachers as a child. She was one of the best and a part of my decision to become an educator. Rest easy - you truly made a difference!!*

Michael Lanier - October 09, 2021 at 09:32 AM

HC

“ *Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Connor*



Holly Waligura Class - October 09, 2021 at 09:16 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Connor*



Sandra Stary - October 09, 2021 at 08:58 AM

PK

“ *Pam Krenek lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Connor*



Pam Krenek - October 08, 2021 at 06:20 PM

VM

“ My condolences to Minnie Lee's family. What a loss. I enjoyed my visits with her, she was always kind, loving and we would sit and visit in her rocking chairs and share stories. She had a infectious laugh and a joy to be around. Awesome lady and friend. May God Bless you all through this difficult time.

*Virginia Moreno, friend  
Columbus Texas*

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**Virginia Moreno** - October 08, 2021 at 04:49 PM

KH

*So very sad to find out of "Miss Minnie Lee"'s passing as her Columbus students called her. She was a kind, caring teacher& most of all she loved her students. Chris & I were in the same graduating class in high school. May you Rest In Peace " Miss Minnie Lee"*

*Daniel & Karen Besch Havel*

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**Karen Havel** - October 10, 2021 at 05:34 PM

ST

*I celebrate the life of "Miss Minnie Lee" with her friends and family as I recall her warm smile, laughter and wonderful stories. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and an example to follow. She was a Colorado County treasure and will be greatly missed. A life well-lived.*

*Sandra C. Thomas*

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**Sandra Thomas** - October 21, 2021 at 12:18 AM