



Joseph Paul Connelly

April 12, 1933 - October 2, 2024

Ret. MSG Joseph Paul Connelly, of McDonough, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, to the late Joseph E. and Elizabeth Connelly. Joseph was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ann Connelly.

Joseph honorably served in the U.S. Army, where he demonstrated his dedication to his country during the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Dominican Republic Conflict. After his military service, he continued his commitment to public service by working with the Department of Defense. Joseph was of the Catholic faith and attended Salem Baptist Church, where he found spiritual guidance and community.

He was a devoted grandfather, never missing an event his grandchildren participated in. Joseph was also an avid Notre Dame sports fan and spent over 50 years coaching youth sports, instilling values of teamwork and perseverance in countless young athletes. He was an active volunteer at the Heritage Park Veterans Museum, where he proudly gave tours and shared his experiences with visitors.

Joseph is survived by his son, Jay Connelly and his wife, Lynne, of McDonough; and his grandsons, Justin Connelly of McDonough, and Nathan Connelly and his wife, Ruth, of Jacksonville, Florida.

A funeral service to honor Joseph's life will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of Ford-Stewart Funeral Home with Deacon Paul McCormick officiating. The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A private burial with military honors will take place on Tuesday at Georgia National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joseph's memory to the Heritage Park Veterans Museum, 101 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252, or to First Readers of Henry County (Venmo: @udaman25).

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
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<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **7**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Connelly.*



October 06, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Piedmont Henry IMS team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Paul Connelly.*

Piedmont Henry IMS team - October 06, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Connelly.*



October 05, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *Love: The Medina Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Paul Connelly.*

Love: The Medina Family - October 05, 2024 at 05:57 PM

DM

“ Going to miss you beyond measure Sir. You left world a better place than you found it. You're contributions far exceed your military service and your legacy is not only secured by the outstanding family you and Mary raised but by each and every one of us whose lives you traveled through. Thank you for being who you were.



David Martin, Heritage Park Veterans Mus - October 05, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Connelly.



October 05, 2024 at 10:13 AM

LH

“ Lily H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Paul Connelly.

Lily H. - October 05, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Gonna miss Mr. Connelly. We both worked together at Heritage Park Veterans museum. His understanding of historical facts and unwavering patriotism with stories of his military service was unique and special. He made big impacts with the visitors and myself. Love you sir. Sending prayers and well wishes. God bless. See you in Heaven.

Gilford Wells - October 05, 2024 at 12:30 AM