



William Conrad Young

December 24, 1923 - May 10, 2017

William Conrad Young, 93, of Hurricane, formerly of Dunbar, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Clendenin on December 24, 1923, and was the last surviving child of the late William Bruce and Cora Tucker Young. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elinor Hyer Young; his grandson, Mark Stephens; and siblings, Eugene K. Young, Fred B. Young, Irene Young Stone, and Nona Young Logue.

“Connie,” as he was known by family and friends, was a member of this country’s Greatest Generation. The Young family tradition of service to country began with Capt. John Young, who served in the Revolutionary War and was an early settler of Kanawha County. Connie served his country in the European Theatre in World War II (D-Day plus 24) in the 818th Aviation Engineering Battalion building runways for fighter planes. While stationed in Belgium, a little boy named Dany Defechereux approached Connie and offered him an egg. That simple gesture of kindness forged a friendship that spanned continents and decades. In 2013, nearly 70 years later, Dany came to the U.S. to visit Connie.

Following military service Connie began work with Elk Refinery in Clendenin where he met the woman who would become his wife, Elinor. After moving to

Dunbar, Connie worked as a millwright for Union Carbide until his retirement after 32 years of service.

Connie loved fishing, was a prize-winning amateur photographer, became a good cook, and in recent years became proficient on a computer. Like his brothers, Connie was always ready with a joke or story. Connie meant many things to many people but was a family man first. His legacy will live on through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Jane Young Jones and husband Don; Janet Young Spry and husband Doug; and Phyllis Stephens and husband Steve; grandchildren, Ben Jones and Kristin Schuchardt; and many nieces and nephews who adore their "Uncle Connie."

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial with military honors will follow in Grandview Memorial Park, Dunbar. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

The family extends grateful appreciation to special friend and caregiver, Josette Gryzberg.

In lieu of flowers, donations are greatly encouraged to the Clendenin United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 121 Koontz Avenue, Clendenin, WV 25045. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

You may share memories with the family on Connie's tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Homes, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, is honored to serve the Young family.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memorial Park

1313 Hillview Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Conrad Young*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Mr. Young was mentioned in an article regarding an incident from Dec. 24 1944 which claimed the life of my uncle Lawrence Patrick Maguire. His bravery in this situation should not be forgotten. , Kevin J. Maguire*

Kevin Maguire - September 26, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Connie was a wonderful, sweet, kind, and loving man. He always had a warm smile on his face and soft words and interesting stories to share. We feel truly honored to have met him and have had the chance to share some special moments with him during his visits to Texas. He will be greatly missed!
Our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to his family and particularly to our very dear friends Jane, Don, and Ben.*

Hani, Maritza, Rami, Hania, and Sami Bekdash

Maritza Bekdash - May 21, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ 98 files added to the album *Connie Young-Memories Album*



Chapman Funeral Homes - May 13, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of *William Conrad Young*.



May 12, 2017 at 05:36 PM

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“*Connie was a true family man who loved each of his dear ones with a full heart. We remember his contagious smile and wonderful stories. We particularly remember how much he loved visiting Jane, Don and Ben. He liked to camp with them around Texas and his home State. His eyes lit up whenever he saw Jane. His love for her and his pride in her was evident. He also greatly enjoyed Don's cooking and shared many projects with him. Connie was a real father figure to Don. Ben truly inherited Connie's love of knowing how things work. Connie dutifully and lovingly showed Ben many things about tools, mechanics and life.*

We know how much Connie will be missed and appreciate the legacy he left behind. We feel very lucky to have known him and blessed to be such good friends with his wonderful family.

Scott, Kelley and Zachary Nedbalek

Kelley Nedbalek - May 12, 2017 at 05:01 PM

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“*When I remember Uncle Connie, it will be with a smile. I don't believe I was ever around him, that he wasn't telling a story, or a joke, and laughing. I always appreciated the loving dedication that he showed to Aunt Elinor during her years of illness. RIP Uncle Connie!*



Sue Hyer McClure - May 12, 2017 at 03:29 PM

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“ Witty, charming, smart, caring, Uncle Connie will forever have a very special place in our hearts. Sam took swimming lessons in his pool, we spent many fun-filled hours with Uncle Connie. He shared his tomatoes every summer, made the crunchiest party-mix and was full of funny anecdotes. He always had a smile and gave the best hugs. Love always, Uncle Connie, you are missed.

Yumiko Young - May 12, 2017 at 08:20 AM