

## Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway

November 24, 1927 - July 29, 2017

Mr. Lee Dell Conway's life journey began on November 24, 1927 in Hope, Arkansas and ended as he stepped into eternity on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the age of 89. Mr. Conway, known as "L.D." to all who loved him, was the third child born to Curtis Conway and Edith Holston.

As with any journey, L.D. experienced many peaks and valleys. His first valley experience was at the age of five when his mother died suddenly. After her death, L.D. went to live with his grandmother, Maggie Holston. Those were difficult years for L.D. and he longed to escape the racism and oppression of the South. In search of a better life, L.D. left Hope, Arkansas at the young age of 17 and migrated north to Carrollton, Michigan.

Mr. Conway's journey to Michigan was the beginning of many peak life experiences. When he arrived in Carrollton, he was determined to work for General Motors. L.D. would arrive early every morning at the entrance gate of the Grey Iron Foundry with the hope of gaining employment. For weeks he was told he either looked too young or could not perform the work. L.D. was persistent and was given an opportunity to work for a week on a trial basis. As a result of his impeccable work ethic, L.D. exceeded expectations and worked for the Grey Iron Foundry for 44 years as a Crane Operator and rarely missed a day of work. For many years, L.D. also worked part-time for Davis Remodeling where he gained expertise in the trade of painting. Not only was

he eager to use his new skill to help family, he would later pass them down to his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Conway's personal and professional life was interrupted when he was drafted into the United States Army in 1951. He proudly served his Country during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1953. L.D. has always been a man of excellence even during his time in the Army. He would often receive weekend passes home in recognition of his attention to detail regarding his appearance especially his shoes. Throughout his life, L.D. was known for his meticulous dress. He often referred to himself as being "Dapper".

L.D. was blessed to form a life-long relationship with Rosa Lee VanTurner. Through the years they often laughed about the time he spent his entire paycheck trying to win a teddy bear for her at a local carnival. They were married on November 6, 1950 and from their union, six beautiful children were born. After 17 years of marriage, L.D. and Rosa Lee divorced but continued a unique relationship and remained the best of friends.

L.D. has always had a passion for travel, and that passion continued into retirement. Shortly before his retirement, during his travel, L.D. met Antoinette Lynch and a life-long relationship was formed. From that relationship, they were blessed with the birth of their son Joshua.

In addition to his passion for travel, L.D loved to play dominoes and was known amongst his family as the "Domino King". He took pride in teaching his children and grandchildren the game. L.D. was also an avid walker. During the peak of his life, he walked five miles a day.

Mr. Conway was given the opportunity to rededicate his life to the Lord when a Pastor from First Baptist Church of Bridgeport knocked on his door. He

became a dedicated member on October 29, 1995 attending church every Sunday until his health began to decline.

L.D. leaves to cherish his memory; his loving children, Leah Ann O'Daniels, Houston, TX, Larry Conway (Gwenda) and Vivian Rankins (Howard), both of Saginaw, MI, Gigi Simmons and Joshua Conway, both of Las Vegas, NV; one sister Jettie Broussard, Inglewood, CA; eight granddaughters, Stacey (Fred) Pritchett, Columbia, SC, Deidra Conway, Charlotte, NC, Tamar (Aaron) Chipp, Nashville, TN, Dr. Gigi J. Simmons, Las Vegas, NV, Alexis Rankins and Leah L. O'Daniels, both of Pearland, TX, Stacy Moore, Saginaw, MI, Briana Huntley-Oates (James), Prattville, AL; seven grandsons Deon Conway, Sr., Edward Conway, and Kenneth Dillard, all of Saginaw, MI, Luther M. O'Daniels, Jr. and Tobaris Doss, both of Las Vegas, NV, and Craige O'Daniels, Sr. and William Harris both of Houston, TX; 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; former wife, Rosa L. Conway; mother of his son, Antoinette Lynch, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

L.D. was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Conway and Edith Wyatt; grandmother Maggie Holston; sons Edward Craige and Trent Conway; sisters, Archie Williams and Ruby Kirk; brother, James Holston; sons-in-law, Luther M. O'Daniels, Sr. and Bruce E. Simmons.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Bridgeport, 2400 King Road. Pastor R.B. Ouellette will officiate. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI Sunday from 2:00 until 8: 00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Bridgeport  
2400 King Road  
Bridgeport, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - August 09, 2017 at 03:43 PM

JG

“ *JoEllen Gaddis-McElhaney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**JoEllen Gaddis-McElhaney** - August 17, 2017 at 02:48 PM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Velissa Batts** - August 15, 2017 at 06:36 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - August 15, 2017 at 07:02 AM

BL

“ *Bob And Barb Lauria sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Bob and Barb Lauria** - August 12, 2017 at 05:25 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to the family, so sorry about your loss*



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**Jamie Sanders-Hicks** - August 12, 2017 at 07:59 AM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Rosette Blakes** - August 09, 2017 at 03:20 PM

JF

“ John And Judi Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



John and Judi Ford - August 07, 2017 at 08:03 PM

TH

“ Lee was a faithful member of our Sunday School class & First Baptist Church. We miss our friend and our talks with him. We will see him in Heaven again.

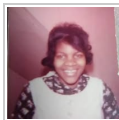
Tom & Pauline Hardy - August 06, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ Janie V Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Janie V Martin - August 06, 2017 at 08:09 AM



To the family of Mr Conway, I'm praying for family and my condolences. Mr Conway lived at the Erwin Senior Estates with us. I'm sorry for your loss.

Janie V Martin - August 06, 2017 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ To the Conway Family, You have my deepest heartfelt sympathy, prayers for the family.  
From Cheryl & family.



Cheryl Cooper - August 06, 2017 at 05:33 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Dona Austin-Bigby - August 05, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway.



August 05, 2017 at 01:14 PM

LF

“ LEON JACKSON And FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



LEON JACKSON and FAMILY - August 05, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Frank Johnson** - August 04, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ *Philip D. Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Philip D. Byrd** - August 04, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Valorie Greenu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Valorie Greenu** - August 04, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *To the entire Conway family, My thoughts and Prayers go out to you at this difficult time. RIH Granddad L.D.*



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**Garrett Family** - August 04, 2017 at 12:24 PM

BP

“ *The Conway family is in my prayers. God Bless*



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**Barbara Payton** - August 04, 2017 at 09:46 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie D. And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Jimmie D. and Beverly Westbrook** - August 04, 2017 at 09:36 AM

SP

“ *Stacey Pritchett purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway.*



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**Stacey Pritchett** - August 04, 2017 at 08:54 AM


SP

“ Granddad thank you for all the years of love and support and of course those great long long conversations about everything especially the Presidents! You had a passion like no other for this country and you will be surely missed! I will never forget you for not only were you my grandfather but also my brother in arms!! I love you now you can rest in the arms of the Father and walk around heaven for I know there is much to see! Army Strong!!



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**Stacey Pritchett** - August 04, 2017 at 08:03 AM

 Briana Huntley-Oates

“ Sending love and prayers out to the family. I love you all. It saddens me that I can't be there but I am there in spirit. Granddad you have truly touched my heart and I will cherish every memory we shared forever. Get your rest, until we all meet again.

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**Briana Huntley-Oates** - August 04, 2017 at 04:00 AM

LP

“ Lola Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



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**Lola Peterson** - August 03, 2017 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ *Denise Steele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



Denise Steele - August 03, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your loved one. May God grant you peace in knowing he is resting in God's arms.*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - August 03, 2017 at 11:46 AM

HR

“ *I agree with my sister-in-law, Gwen Conway. Mr. Conway was a very special and unique person. He was the best father-in-law anyone could ask for. I will definitely miss him at family gathering talking about every subject under the sun. RIP Mr. Conway.*

Howard Rankins - August 03, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this and praying for the family AMEN!*



Shila Casey - August 03, 2017 at 05:47 AM

JC

“ Jack And Cris Coon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Jack and Cris Coon - August 03, 2017 at 04:56 AM

VB

“ Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Velissa Batts - August 02, 2017 at 11:58 PM

TH

“ God is able to sustain us during this time of our loss. You have my sincere prayers for the entire family.



Thelma Hall - August 02, 2017 at 11:44 PM

VS

“ Vonnie Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Vonnie Scott - August 02, 2017 at 11:17 PM

TJ

“ *Trina V. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Trina V. Jackson** - August 02, 2017 at 07:14 PM

IC

“ *IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**IRMA CHISM** - August 02, 2017 at 06:59 PM

CW

“ *I remember riding in that, I believe, Black Electra 225, Trent and I in the front seat. I touched the glove box like I was gonna open it, LD wasn't having that. God bless you my Conway family, earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Be Blessed.*

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**Carleton Walker** - August 02, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ *He loved playing dominoes. King of the table...*

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**Cynthia Chapman** - August 02, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway.*



August 02, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *Bob & Barb Kemp-Lauria sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



**Bob & Barb Kemp-Lauria** - August 02, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Robert & Dorothy Sidney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



**Robert & Dorothy Sidney** - August 02, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Denise Wilburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



**Denise wilburn** - August 02, 2017 at 10:50 AM

JS

“ Jackie And Connie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Jackie and Connie Sanders - August 02, 2017 at 10:17 AM

MB

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds - August 02, 2017 at 07:42 AM

LP

“ Lakeisha Pelt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Lakeisha Pelt - August 01, 2017 at 10:17 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the entire Conway family. Mr. Conway was like my other dad, he would come in the office looking for me to prepare his tax return and we would sit and talk. Mr Conway is gone from our presence but he will always be in our hearts. Praying that God will give the family the strength they need to carry on.

*Much love, Richard and Mary Crosby*

Mary Crosby - August 01, 2017 at 09:08 PM

TH

“ *To the Conway family, my condolences and prayers goes out to you all, May he RIP.*



**TINA HOUZE** - August 01, 2017 at 08:27 PM

RV

“ *Robert And Linda Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



**Robert and Linda Veasley** - August 01, 2017 at 04:20 PM

JP

“ *Prayers and condolences to the Conway Family for your loss. May God give you strength and peace during your bereavement.*



*With Sympathy,*

*Josephine Pelt*

**Josephine Pelt** - August 01, 2017 at 04:00 PM

TW

*May. God. Comfort. The. Conway. Family. In. Your. Bereavement Tene. Me. Me. Williams*

**Tene. Williams** - August 01, 2017 at 05:17 PM

RJ

“ Condolences to my other family The Conways mich love to all you. I am sadded but over joyed that I spent sometime with the man that was my best friends father. Trent got his sense of style from his dad. May you now rest. No more pain or sickness. Now the joy of heaven is your for eternity!!! Minister Roderick L Jackson and Vanessa Jackson.

Roderick L Jackson - August 01, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ Edith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Edith Lewis - August 01, 2017 at 11:25 AM

PA

“ Patricia Alford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Patricia Alford - August 01, 2017 at 10:52 AM

SO

“ To the Conway family for as long as I can remember my family and yours has always been friends I pray for Peace in your hearts memories to last forever in the days to come.....To God be the Glory..The Clark and Carruth family



sonacarruth - August 01, 2017 at 09:58 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - August 01, 2017 at 07:47 AM

MH

“ Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Mary Hannibal - August 01, 2017 at 06:46 AM

JF

“ Mrs vivian and family, please accept my condolences in the passing of your dad, i know 1st hand how you must feel ,as i lost my dad in April. Look to God for comfort and peace. Jenaa's mom.

Jenaa' edmond and family - August 01, 2017 at 03:17 AM

JF

“ Jenaa' Edmond And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Jenaa' edmond and family - August 01, 2017 at 03:10 AM

DB

“ Diane & Willie Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Diane & Willie Bond - July 31, 2017 at 11:30 PM

TA

“ The Residents Of Erwin Senior Estate Apt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



The residents of Erwin Senior Estate Apt - July 31, 2017 at 10:21 PM

CC

“ Clifford Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Clifford Carter - July 31, 2017 at 09:41 PM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - July 31, 2017 at 07:47 PM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Cathie Stephens** - July 31, 2017 at 06:28 PM

KJ

“ *Kimberly Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Kimberly Jackson** - July 31, 2017 at 06:01 PM

HL

“ *Helen Ann Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Helen Ann Lewis** - July 31, 2017 at 05:36 PM

TF

“ *The Mitchell Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**The Mitchell Family** - July 31, 2017 at 04:23 PM

FM

“ Fred & Rita Mitchell-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Fred & Rita Mitchell-Taylor - July 31, 2017 at 04:22 PM

DW

“ Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Deborah Williams - July 31, 2017 at 02:06 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Brenda Jones - July 31, 2017 at 01:03 PM

MH

“ Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Mary Hannibal - July 31, 2017 at 04:38 AM

MM

“ *Mr & Mrs Robert McCall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



Mr & Mrs Robert McCall - July 30, 2017 at 05:32 PM

ER

“ *Erwin Senior Estates Residents lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



Erwin Senior Estates residents - July 30, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ *Janie V Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



Janie V Martin - July 30, 2017 at 04:27 PM

HF

“ *MY PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES GOES OUT TO LARRY/GWEN AND THE REST OF THE CONWAY'S FAMILIES/FRIENDS...*



HERBERT FLOURNOY - July 30, 2017 at 03:13 PM

OF

“ OPAL COLEMAN & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



OPAL COLEMAN & FAMILY - July 30, 2017 at 05:56 AM

DF

“ DIANA MIREE & FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



DIANA MIREE & FAMILY - July 30, 2017 at 05:53 AM

MS

“ Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Mary Smithers - July 29, 2017 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ Diane & Willie Bond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway



Diane & Willie Bond - July 29, 2017 at 06:07 PM

GC

“ *Mr Lee Conway was a very special person the best father-in-law anyone could ask for. I will never forget our breakfast and lunch dates where he would talk to me for hours about everything, he will truly be missed. To my husband Larry and the rest of your siblings, the grandkids an everyone else I can say " weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning ". May he rest in peace, I love you all.*



*Love your daughter-in-law  
Gwen*

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**Gwen Conway** - July 29, 2017 at 03:39 PM

FM

“ *Fred & Rita Mitchell-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Dell "LD" Conway*



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**Fred & Rita Mitchell-Taylor** - July 29, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ *Praying for the Conway family Mr Conway will truly be missed RIH Sir.*



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**Arthur Williams** - July 29, 2017 at 11:22 AM

SO

“ To the Conway family our deepest sympathy goes out to your hearts our families go all the way back before even we can remember your dad always stopped by to see my dad when he couldnt get out anymore we shall always love and respect him...the Clark Carruth family



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**sonacarruth** - July 29, 2017 at 10:28 AM