



## Connie Lenhart Heath

June 7, 1943 - January 18, 2026

Born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 7, 1943. Date of Death: January 18, 2026, in Clermont, Florida

She is survived by her two daughters: Melissa Stephan (Roger) and Christina Howell (Gary); her siblings: David Lenhart (Megan) and Debbie Bailey (Gordon); Grandchildren: Tyler Howell (McKenzie), Judah Howell (Courtney), Moriah Casey (Tyler), Charis Rosado (Yarian), and Allison Stephan. She has eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 28+ years, Joseph Heath, and her brother, James C. Lenhart (Vickie).

She moved to Leesburg before the age of two with her parents. She graduated from Leesburg High School and went on to school at the Barbizon School for Modeling and Merchandising in New York City. She worked at her grandmother's clothing store and modeled locally for several years. In 1965, she married United States Military Academy (WestPoint) graduate, Terry M. Throckmorton. They started a family having Melissa and then, a few years later, Christina. As a young wife and mother, both her parents died leaving her to help raise her younger brother and sister. Being in the military, they lived on various military bases both in the States and in Germany.

She became a single mom when the girls were in middle school and moved back to her hometown of Leesburg. During this time, she became a realtor to provide for her and her girls. She was an example of service to others as seen in her time as a Brownie Troop Leader, Sunday School teacher, President of the local PTA, and could always be counted on to chaperone any church event the girls attended. She led by example and always had her girls in church. The girls will tell you she taught them how to live by faith, how to forgive, offer grace, and put your mind to things to just get them done.

She had many hobbies throughout her lifetime: sewing, ceramics, crocheting, and most recently birdwatching.

After many years of singlehood, she reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Joseph Heath. They were married in 1995 and remained so until his death last year. In the latter years, they were most noted for having Papa Joe's Peanuts and Vegetable Stand. Connie and Joe attended Glad Tidings Church in Ocoee, Florida. She loved to worship Jesus and watch her children and grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513-8914  
(352) 793-7740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory  
1123 W Main St  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
(352) 787-4343

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie Lenhart Heath*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - January 20 at 11:47 AM

BG

*What a beautiful happy life!*

**Barbara Jo Miller Gould** - January 26 at 01:36 PM

SS

“ *Dear Debbie (Lenhart Bailey): I met Connie in the 70's when I visited my brother, Larry, at Fort Bragg. He and Terry served in the Army together. I was a teen. I remember Connie's beautiful smile and friendliness. Although she and I were both from Leesburg, we had never met prior. I know she will be missed. Her video tribute is lovely. I am thinking of you at this time. Your classmate and friend, Susie Norton Sapp*

**Susan Norton Sapp** - February 02 at 12:49 PM

RL

“ *Rev. Whitney And Sharon Lavender lit a candle in memory of Connie Lenhart Heath*



**Rev. Whitney and Sharon Lavender** - January 23 at 12:58 PM

RL

*It is with great sadness that we heard of Connie's graduation to heaven. This was a great woman of God who was instrumental in bringing us together at church! She was a great friend to Sharon before that happened, and a great friend to us both. We will miss her but rejoice that she is with the Lord. May the Lord Bless and keep you until we have a reunion at Jesus' feet.*

Rev. Whitney and Sharon Lavender - January 23 at 01:04 PM

DT

“ Deanna T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Lenhart Heath.

Deanna T. - January 23 at 08:08 AM

DM

“ Duke & Kelley Matlock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Lenhart Heath.

Duke & Kelley Matlock - January 22 at 07:18 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Connie Lenhart Heath.



January 22 at 07:18 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Connie Lenhart Heath.*



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January 21 at 04:06 PM



“ *Ms. Connie was a special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Herb & Lorie Roberson*

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**Lorie Roberson** - January 21 at 09:04 AM



“ *Debbie and Skeeter Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Lenhart Heath.*

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**Debbie and Skeeter Bailey** - January 20 at 06:51 PM



“ *Debbie and Skeeter Bailey purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Connie Lenhart Heath.*



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**Debbie and Skeeter Bailey** - January 20 at 06:51 PM

SG

“ Suzanne and Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Lenhart Heath.

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Suzanne and Gary - January 20 at 02:04 PM

SG

“ Suzanne and Gary purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Connie Lenhart Heath.



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Suzanne and Gary - January 20 at 02:04 PM

GP

“ Her and Joe where Great Neighbors and Friends. They join each other in Heaven with Jesus Christ and God and eternal peace, happiness and love.

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Gary Plunkett - January 20 at 01:54 PM