



## Constance Victoria Bailis

July 23, 1934 - January 24, 2022

Constance (Connie) Bailis was born in the Bronx, New York on July 23, 1934 to Gustov Bailis and Anna Swalzburg. She attended Madison High School in Madison New Jersey, graduating in 1952. She spent her early adult years in New Jersey before moving to Los Angeles then San Diego, California.

Starting out in modeling, she later became a real estate agent. Connie began a life-long interest in healthful living in San Diego, working with other pioneers, studying nutrition, researching natural and homeopathic remedies, developing alternatives to traditional western medicine, while espousing a strong belief in taking responsibility for our own health.

Connie spent several years in Sarasota Florida where she expanded her interest in natural healing. There she began her career as a certified massage therapist, gaining her credentials (NCMT, NHP) from the Sarasota School of Natural Healing Arts. She specialized in the effect of massage in the field of sports medicine while being mentored by industry innovator Arin Mattis. She was an early proponent of the use of chair massage as a means of expanding its availability and healing properties of deep tissue massage to a wider audience.

Connie was interested in music, art and theater, becoming prolific in creating facial portraits using pencil sketches, while also honing her skills in the medium of pastels. She was also involved in community theater groups.

Connie loved to travel abroad where her interest in researching her family tree took her to Greece, Australia, and Papua New Guinea.

Connie settled in historic Lancaster, PA in her later years, continuing her massage practice, homeopathy research, artwork, and visiting local farmers markets. Her personal interest in Restorative Justice linked her with community groups in Lancaster providing alternatives to traditional methods of working with juveniles in the court system to resolve conflicts. There she was acknowledged for her impact serving many young people

Connie was married three times (Paul Tomastik, Chuck Keyte and Walter Pierce). She is survived by three children, David Tomastik and his wife Courtney of Portland Oregon, Tim Tomastik and his wife Nina Gibson-Tomastik of Fairfax Virginia, and Dawn Tomastik and her husband, Richard Zamora of San Luis Obispo California, seven grandchildren (Sarah Tomastik, Katie Brown, Ben Tomastik, Madeline Tomastik, Summer Edwards, Jeff Tomastik, and Anne Ray), and seven great-grandchildren. She passed peacefully on January 24, 2022.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to EcoEternity in her name for purchasing a special resting place in the trees at EcoEternity, Middleburg, VA. Send to EcoEternity at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117, Attn: Rose Shaffer. Their phone number is (540) 687-6262.

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