



## James Euestus Conn

December 27, 1923 - October 24, 2019

James Euestus Conn, 95, died Thursday, October 24, 2019, at his home. Visitation will be held Monday, October 28, 2019 at Stringer Funeral Home, 26141 Hwy 27, Crystal Springs from 1pm-3pm with the funeral service following at 3pm. A graveside service will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Conn, a native of Crystal Springs, was also a life-long member of First Baptist Church. He graduated from high school in 1942 from Crystal Springs Consolidated School. He was also a Civil Engineering graduate of Mississippi State University, where he lettered in track and cross-country. His college education was interrupted by being drafted during World War II into the Navy, where he served aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Yorktown. When the war ended, he continued his service in the Naval Reserves in Jackson, MS, for 20 years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

After the war, he returned to Mississippi State University to finish his degree and met the love of his life, Mary Ouida Allen of Jackson, MS. Upon graduation, he moved back to Crystal Springs, MS, where he worked for the Highway Department in Jackson. In September of 1953, he went to work for Knowles Material Company and eventually owned it for the rest of his life.

As an active member of First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, he loved serving as a Sunday School teacher and a Deacon. As a founding member of Copiah Academy, he served as President of the Board and in many other

capacities.

While he had a deep love for his community and for service, he loved his work, but his love for his family was paramount.

Mr. Conn was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ouida Conn; his daughter, Retha Conn Neusy; his parents, Ira Francis "Jack" and Isabel Dees Conn; his brother, Francis Conn; and his sisters Martha Conn Baxter and Eva Nell Conn Brister.

He is survived by his daughter Toni C. Clements and husband, Joel of Starkville; son, James Clark Conn and wife, Mary of Jackson; daughter Chris Conn of Crystal Springs; grandchildren, Jennifer Portera and husband, Brian of Starkville; Nicole Cooley and husband, Robert of Waynesboro; Nick Bolton and wife, Stacey of Crystal Springs; Catie and John Robb of Roswell, GA; Caroline Conn of Crystal Springs; Gracie Conn and Claire Conn of Ridgeland. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Marguerite, Olivia, and Joseph Portera (Jennifer) and Hudson Bolton (Nick).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
26141 Hwy 27  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1521  
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## Service

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Euestus Conn*



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**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - October 27, 2019 at 01:05 PM

KP

*Wow, that was beautiful. He was loved by many, and it is apparent in this video that he loved his family deeply. He will definitely be missed!*

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**Karen Pittman** - October 28, 2019 at 12:13 PM

LP

*Wonderful tribute to a great man. Loved him like a father. He will be missed by many. My prayers and love are with all of you.*

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**Lita M Pickle** - October 28, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *James Euestus Conn*

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January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

AH

“ *Andy & Nancy Holliday purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Euestus Conn.*



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**Andy & Nancy Holliday** - October 28, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - October 27, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *James Euestus Conn.*



October 27, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *James Euestus Conn.*



October 26, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - October 25, 2019 at 05:51 PM

BD

🙏🙏🙏 for Mr James's Family 🙏

**Buddy Donahoe** - October 26, 2019 at 09:55 AM

JK

*James Conn had an enormous, positive impact on my life and on the lives of everyone in my family, especially my son Matt, who worked for him after finishing college. Mr. Conn convinced Matt that he should go to law school, for which I'll always be grateful.*

*This man's work ethic was unmatched by anyone I've ever known. Like clockwork, he left home for work before daylight every work day, and that continued until he was well into his nineties.*

*He was unfailingly faithful to his church in terms of his regular attendance and his unselfish service. He supported our church and its ministries with consistent, generous financial giving. His dear wife, Mary Ouida, likewise was faithful in Christian service, especially in our church's ministry to children.*

*I am thankful to have had Mr. Conn as a close friend from whom I learned many valuable lessons about Christian living, family, perseverance, and the importance of showing up, day after day.*

**Jim Kitchens** - October 28, 2019 at 09:55 AM

CI

“ C.L. Dews & Sons Foundry & Machinery Co., Inc. purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of James Euestus Conn.



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**C.L. Dews & Sons Foundry & Machinery Co., Inc.** - October 25, 2019 at 05:12 PM

YF

“ Your Friends at JJ Ferguson purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of James Euestus Conn.



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**Your Friends at JJ Ferguson** - October 25, 2019 at 05:08 PM

RI

“ RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS INC. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James Euestus Conn.



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**RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS INC.** - October 25, 2019 at 04:49 PM

SM

“ Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of James Euestus Conn



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**sue Marx** - October 25, 2019 at 04:48 PM