



## Desiree Elena Conley

December 5, 1966 - August 17, 2017

### DESIREE ELENA CONLEY, 50

Desiree Elena Conley, 50, Lehi City, died at 12:52 PM, Thursday, August 17, 2017 in the comfort of her own home. She was born December 5th, 1966 in Provo, UT, to Deon Davis and Jim Hatch.

Desiree was married 3 times and leaves behind her four children, Daniel Lee David Despain, age 31, Dovey Marie Despain, age 29, Daphne Jo Nelson, age 28, and Duncan Maxfield Nelson, age 24. She also has 3 grandchildren, Jovie Jane Gesell, age 6, Finn Wesley Freese, age 4, and Luna Elena Vehar, 2 weeks of age.

Desiree was a resident of Ontario, Canada where she lived since leaving her childhood home in Utah until at the age of 17, when she returned to the Utah. She graduated from Springville High School in 1984, and was a semester away from receiving her Bachelor's degree in Psychology for Substance Abuse Treatment.

She loved to spend time with her kids and grandchildren, and enjoyed finding authentic antique furniture. She also loved helping individuals with substance abuse problems and holding group therapy sessions. Desiree loved reading and had a thirst for knowledge, returning to school while working and raising four children.

The viewing is from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Serenity Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 6:00 PM also at the Serenity Funeral Home. The address is 12278 S. Lone Peak Parkway, #103 in Draper, UT. Chaplain Mike will be officiating. Desiree has chosen to be cremated.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. -Maya Angelou

# Events

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**AUG** **Viewing** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale  
13863 S 2700 W, Bluffdale, UT, US, 84065

**AUG** **Memorial** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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# Comments

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Wolfpack!!!



**Timm Frampton** - December 22, 2017 at 10:55 PM

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“ I was in Silverwolf in Ms. Conleys D-Dorm in the Con-Quest program. She pushed me hard and made a better person for life because of it. I can proudly say I graduated the program back in 2012 and much thanks and appreciation go to her. She was a great counselor and person that truly cared. She wrote letters to DCFS in support of me and did everything she could to help me be successful when I was finally released. I am very proud to say I am substance free, I have my children, wife, and a good job and am now a productive sober contributing member of society and I am very proud to say she played a part in it. Thank you Ms. Conley for all the great things you did during your too short of time on this earth. I pray you are where you want to be with your loved ones and can finally relax!!! You were such a hard worker)!

**Daniel Workman** - September 07, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ I'm glad your doing good bud

**Timm Frampton** - December 22, 2017 at 10:58 PM

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“ I was so honored to have worked around/with Desiree in the Con-Quest Program a few years ago. It is very difficult to find the exact words to describe this Lovely Lady. All I can do is to sum it up into these few words that describe her; "A Lady so Beautiful on the outside as well as Bright Shining Beauty on the inside, that will last Forever." Rest in Peace Sweet Lady.

**Lynette Ingledeew** - August 25, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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“ Larry Anderson lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Larry Anderson** - August 23, 2017 at 11:37 AM

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“ Jaeme Solis lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Jaeme Solis** - August 23, 2017 at 11:32 AM

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“ Desiree,

Thank you for your passion in helping others overcome the difficulties that would bring a person to prison. I appreciated your guidance and leadership in the Conquest program when I was there. More importantly, I marveled at your humility and courage in the face of death during the last few months of your life.

**Desi N. Alison Lomax** - August 23, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ Hello my friend I can't believe what I am reading I miss my neighbors and friends you will be missed

**Amy Gunn** - August 22, 2017 at 11:59 PM

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“ So sorry that we never knew you...but our son did from the Conquest program he is currently involved in a the prison. He always spoke highly of you, with the greatest respect. Wish we could tell you thank you for what you did to encourage and guide him. From him, and from us...you were appreciated and will be deeply missed. May God Bless your family and those you left behind. Thank you  
The Henderson Family

**Annette Henderson** - August 22, 2017 at 09:32 PM

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“ Kristie Montrois lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Kristie Montrois** - August 22, 2017 at 07:37 PM

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“ Carrie Cochran lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Carrie Cochran** - August 22, 2017 at 05:21 PM

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“ Ashlee VanAllen lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



Ashlee VanAllen - August 22, 2017 at 04:52 PM

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“ Erin Echeverria lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



Erin Echeverria - August 22, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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Jenny Gilbert - August 21, 2017 at 01:23 PM

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“ Jerry Zobell lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Jerry Zobell** - August 21, 2017 at 12:52 PM

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“ We are deeply saddened with the loss of our Des, part of our family and a very special soul. On behalf of our dad, I am sharing this special poem which he wrote for her:

Returning

Fly high dearest Dove  
Through the sky to Heaven's portal

Shedding earthly burdens, in exchange for unconditional Love  
Self Actualizing along the Way to being Immortal!

Fear not for our emotional Woes

Our tears will soon cease to flow as your life unfolds time and again

In our hearts and minds like the gentleness of fresh fallen Snow  
Emanating from your tears of joy, empowering our hearts yet again!

A Lifetime passes in the snap of our fingers

For you and all humankind, but you knew that lesson well  
And yearned to Live each moment to the Max, not to Linger  
Whilst there were others to empower, family to love, sandy  
beaches and grassy fields to experience in bare feet, mountain  
canyons to explore, campfires to build, rock songs to be sung,  
cartwheels to turn, a glass of Merlot to share, a grandchild to hug,  
mementoes for us all from Kensington Market and Niagara on the  
Lake, how about our last morning together  
You beamed brightly: "I feel like I could Live Forever this  
morning!"

And live forever you shall dearest Desiree, and we in Thee...

In our hearts, minds and spirit!

...For those who Love  
Life is Eternal...





“ Beautifully written by Desiree's Dad.  
**Judith Henley** - August 23, 2017 at 07:46 AM

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“ Jenni Marchant lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Jenni Marchant** - August 21, 2017 at 07:43 AM

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“ Sharri Chevrier, Sudbury ON, Canada lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Sharri Chevrier, Sudbury ON, Canada** - August 20, 2017 at 09:01 PM

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“ Des was a special person to so many. I had the opportunity to attend her last Con-Quest graduation. I cannot tell you how much she was respected and loved by co-workers and the offenders that she has treated. She has touched many lives. She will always be remembered and greatly missed

**Jodi Huyboom** - August 20, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ I love my sweet niece Desiree! She gave her all to help others. She Loved her family, her job, her life. She was one in a million and her influence will live on for along time! May peace, comfort and love be with her children and grandchildren and my sister who was honored to be Desiree's mother!

**Myrna Muhlestein** - August 21, 2017 at 11:40 PM



“ Ed and family. Coach Mac and I were so sorry to hear about your beautiful wife. It is obvious, by the notes, that she was well loved, by all. We send our love to all of you. Vicky and Coach McBride

**Vicky McBride** - August 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ Ed I am so very very sorry for your suffering. I won't say that I am sorry for your loss because it might feel like she was taken from you. That's how I felt when my father passed last year. Grief is a strange and challenging thing. There is no controlling it. I want you to know that I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. There are no words to express my sorrow for your present situation, it's so very heartbreaking. I know she was the love of your life! I hope that you can feel peace and comfort at this time.... knowing that she will be waiting there for you on the other side when you cross into the next life.

**Ashlee VanAllen** - August 22, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ Gayle Seal Blanchette lit a candle in memory of Desiree Elena Conley



**Gayle Seal Blanchette** - August 20, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ I remember when I first transferred to Day Treatment as that program Primary Therapist. Des was already working as a Case Worker. That program was a mess. Des wrote a poem about how the clients were eating bagels in the group therapy sessions. I laughed so hard at that poem. I never got a copy of that poem. Now I wish would have. With Des's help we turned that program around to be one awesome program know around Utah and the court system as helping people change their lives. Looking at Desiree the clients would think she would be such a push over. LOL did their get a very rude awaking. Desiree had a back home of steel!!!! And the clients could not pull their stupid antics with her. I remember once she came into my office. She was going through a rough patch in her life. We talked for a long time. Then I ran into again in Victoria Secret of all place. We chatted for few minutes. She shared with some regrets she had. We talked longer. She told me once I was the only one who card her on her shit. I just hope with my heart that I helped ease her struggle. I hoped I helped her. I will sorely miss her. May each of her family be given peace, comfort and understanding during the trying days ahead. Your loss is great but your loving memories are even greater.

**Gayle Seal Blanchette** - August 20, 2017 at 12:03 PM

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“ Very saddened to hear of Des's passing. I met her in the late 90's as coworkers at a substance abuse treatment center. I have fond memories of working our graveyard shift together. Lots of laughs, deep conversations, good food she often made and brought to share, writing funny poetry, hearing stories of her children whom she adored, and playing practical jokes on each other. She was a great influence to me and I loved working with her but was more blessed to have known her. Mostly she taught me what it means to truly live. She will be missed!

**Amy Pollard** - August 20, 2017 at 08:39 AM

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“ Oh beautiful Des...such a deep, loving, and powerful soul you are. You will be greatly missed by the many, many lives you've touched through the years. Thank you for everything you did for me. I will cherish our friendship always. You are my hero!

Sincerely your forever friend,

Michelle V. Robinson

P.S. You made the BEST chocolate chip cookies ever!

**Michelle Van Wagoner-Robinson** - August 20, 2017 at 12:22 AM

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“ I had the honor of working with Des back in the Day Treatment days. I am so saddened to learn she is gone. I would see her every now and then and she was always so beautiful, strong and powerful. That woman changed my life. I love her forever.

My deepest sympathy to you kids. I know how much she loved you all. Then when you gave her grandbabies she was able to see her legacy continue, and LOVED to spoil them.

She will definitely be missed.

Heather Lewis

Heather Lewis - August 19, 2017 at 10:59 PM

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“ Oh my dearest sweet friend... you always shared your wisdom freely with me. Thank you for being wise beyond your years. See you soon.... on the other side. RIP. Love you

gail appel - August 19, 2017 at 10:40 PM

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**Serenity Funeral Home** - August 18, 2017 at 03:12 PM



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**Timm Frampton** - December 22, 2017 at 11:11 PM