

## **" Family Bonds "**

(Written for Terry, Jerry, Jeff, and Kathy Conner – the sons & daughter)  
Inspired by the lives of my uncle Howard Joe Conner (12-20-1925 to 04-02-2015) age 89 & his wife  
Betty Ann (Tony) Conner (04-28-1927 to 11-23-1989) age 66 in the tiny town - Ina, Illinois

*Dedicated to the Conner Family in Ina, IL & all who loved my uncle Howard Conner .*

**During this day of sadness ,  
in the solitude of darkness ,  
I stare at the heavens above .**

**With the bonds of *Love* tugging at my weary heart so I might  
hear the voices of all those who have departed our side .  
Their souls set free to travel among the stars forever .**

**While gazing at the moonlit night ,  
I saw my Father & Mother dancing together  
across the starlit heavens .**

**Re-united spirits rejoicing and singing ,  
with smiles upon their face .**

**As they danced , their Love reached out  
with tenderness to shake the hand of all those  
already on their journey from a tiny town  
on a tiny planet called Earth .**

**While it spins darkness into daylight ,  
as it circles the warmth of the Sun  
(which gave birth to the wonders of life by the touch of God) ,  
we are allowed to rebound from our sadness .**

**Knowing that the precious seconds of *Time & Love*  
are eternal and gently flowing on an endless river  
of cosmic dust across the cosmos & heaven above .**

**Rest assured the winding river will deliver each soul  
into the loving embrace and eternal sharing of " *Family Bonds* " .**

(Written 04-02-2015) { Words by Robert Paul Conner. Copyright © 2015 by Robert Paul Conner }  
NOTE: My uncle was a songwriter, singer, & musician with outgoing personality who loved to dance.  
Uncle Howard started teaching me guitar when I was 10 years old & still teaching me things till the end.