



Robert Marion Conlon, MD

August 12, 1931 - October 15, 2025

Dr. Robert Marion Conlon Jr. passed away peacefully in Fort Collins on the evening of October 15, 2025, at the age of 94. Known for his infectious laugh, joyful spirit, and generosity he dedicated his life to caring for others as a respected ENT surgeon. He cherished the love of family, friends and his ever faithful dogs.

Born on August 12, 1931, in New Orleans, LA to Rosalie Dugan and Robert Conlon Sr., Bob's early life took him across the country with his father's career before the family finally settled in Indianapolis. He attended Joan of Arc Catholic School and graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1950 as Senior Class President. He went on to attend Indiana University competing as a sprinter on the Hoosier Track Team. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and earned early acceptance into medical school after only three years. He graduated from Indiana University as a Doctor of Medicine in 1957. At IU Bob met the love of his life, Grace Hendricks. They were married in 1955. They would go on to have many happy decades together, recently celebrating 70 years of marriage in June of 2025.

Bob's medical career was both long and distinguished. After serving under the Berry Plan at IU he completed his internship at LSU and residency at Indiana University. He was commissioned as a Captain in the United States Air Force and served at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, WA. It was during these

early years of marriage that Bob and Grace welcomed their growing family: Michael, Michelle, Nanette, Lisa, and Sean.

In 1966, drawn by the promise of 300 days of sunshine per year, Bob and Grace made Fort Collins their home. He founded Alpha ENT as the first otolaryngologist in Northern Colorado and Wyoming. His outpatient surgery center was the first such free standing facility in Ft. Collins. Through decades of practice, he cared for thousands of patients with skill, compassion, and a genuine belief that medicine was both a science and a calling.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman. He treasured the camaraderie of many hunting buddies. His love of exploration extended far beyond Colorado's borders. Together with Grace, family, and friends, he traveled the world from the beaches of Mexico to the rugged emerald landscapes of his family's ancestral homeland, Ireland. Bob hunted and fished on multiple continents bringing back many treasured trophies. He was a fixture in the Ft. Collins running community and finished multiple marathons including Boston twice. Wherever he went, Bob carried his signature mix of curiosity, humor, and gratitude, embracing each journey as another gift from God.

A devoted follower of Jesus Christ, Bob lived his faith with humility and joy. He shared the Good Word through both action and service as a proud member of The Gideons International and Hope Community Church.

Bob is survived by his wife, Grace; his brother, Tim (Mary Beth); his children Michael Conlon, Michelle Conlon, Nanette (Dr. Eric) Young, Lisa (Tom) Reehorst, and Dr. Sean (Melissa) Conlon; and his thirteen grandchildren: Lauren (John), Adrienne (Dan), Alexandra (Torrey), Elizabeth, Ryan, Nicole (Nathan), Jessica (Wesley), Matthew, Megan (Sebastian), Shannan (Ryne), Dr. Jack, Kevin, and Thomas; along with four, but soon to be six, great-grandchildren.

Bob's life was one of devotion to God, to family, to healing, and to the simple beauty of every day. His laughter, wisdom, and unwavering faith will continue to echo through the lives of those he loved and healed.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the loving care that Bob received during his time at Centre Avenue Health and Rehab.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Discovery Fellowship Church, 6630 Brittany Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado, with a brief reception to follow. A private family graveside service will be held.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Discovery Fellowship Church
6630 Brittany Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80525-5823

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Grace and family, I am praying for peace and comfort from our Lord during this difficult time. Bob was a caring and gentle man with a great sense of understanding for his calling to be a husband, father, grandfather and doctor.

Bob was a true man of God and an American patriot who loved and cared for every person he met!

Well done good and faithful servant!

Randy Marshall

Randy Marshall - November 05, 2025 at 12:51 PM

JA

“ Dear Family of Dr. Robert Conlon,

I met Dr. Conlon in the early 1970s and saw him many times over the years. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and kindness. He had a wonderful way of dealing with issues and made me feel relaxed.

In the 1980s I met his son, Sean, in a computer class my husband was teaching at a local store. He was a young boy but helped me a lot when I would get stuck on the then "new" Apple computer. I was a teacher trying to learn how to use it and program it for lessons. He was a "no fear" kid who was very knowledgeable.

Many years later Sean became Dr. Conlon and my "go to" ear doc. Sean, do you remember that story? I think I reminded you of it a few times. Your dad would have encouraged me to do so with a smile.

May the fond memories told by all the people he touched in his lifetime help you cope at this difficult time. My heart is with you.

Janie Arnold - November 03, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BH

I worked in the office with Margo (Nurse), Debbie Brown (office Manager that moved here from Texas and others. Dr. Brent Smith was in the office at that time too. I worked the front desk and helped out with things needed Dr. Conlon needed for patients. I remember his office had lots of animal trophies from his hunting expeditions. Grace would drop by, a nice family.

He helped patients feel at ease and was great with the small kiddos that needed to have tiny tubes put in to help with their ear infections. My hope is that you all will find comfort as well as peace during this very difficult and sad time. Hold your dear memories close in heart. Keeping you all on thought and prayer.

Beth Martinez Humenik - November 04, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TF

“ Bob was always a treat to see arrive and work out with during noon classes at Karate West in the early 80's. He would show up in his scrubs and always participated whether it was a sparring session, forms or self defense. I found him to be very kind and positive while easy to get a chuckle out of him before and after class. He was one of the most humble, caring and sincere people I've known. May he rest in peace.

TK Fudge

TK Fudge - November 03, 2025 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ Dr. Conlon treated my chronic sinus infection with surgery in 1988. He showed me how to care for it afterwards and it changed my life. I will always remember his very frank and straightforward manner and much appreciated the honesty. RIP Sir.

Dennis Bogott - November 03, 2025 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ Dr. Bob was such a great doctor. I had some kind of weird illness. Bob thought out of the box, and ordered a heavy metal test kit for the lab to use. Showed I had mercury poisoning. From the soil in CO, but likely from my classroom when a girl's mother said to take mercury from a broken thermometer to school because it would be cool to show the kids.. Had to change the floor in the room. Cured by homeopathic remedies his son, Mike made. The funniest thing I remember was the time I was in the waiting room, and Bob and a friend were chatting. The woman asked, "How's Grace"? Bob: "Well, I killed her." Nearly choked!

Mary Carlson - October 31, 2025 at 10:28 PM

EC

“Awesome brother in Christ and amazing doctor! Rest in peace good man...you have created quite the far reaching legacy...Judy & Ed Castro

Ed & Judy Castro - October 28, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LW

“Dr. Colon was our ENT for 5 or 6 years. He did surgery on my son and daughter. He was a great doctor ! RIP Dr. Colon!

Linda Wegner - October 20, 2025 at 07:51 PM

RH

Bob was my Uncle and Grace is my Aunt, younger sister of my Dad. They have always been wonderful to me and my daughters, helping us through the many travails of growing up as a family, as well as happy times. They have been simply wonderful. Thank you both for your love. Your Loving Niece, Rickey

Rickey Hendricks - November 01, 2025 at 08:00 PM

KS

“Dr. Conlon was my ENT provider for my hearing loss all throughout my childhood and adolescence many years ago. He was always such a sweet man, so kind, and caring. I remember looking at all of his running photographs and awards in his office and just thought he was such a special person. He performed stapedectomy surgeries in both ears and am so grateful for Dr. Conlon to help me gain my hearing. . I have wondered how he was doing over the years and I am sorry to the family for your loss. It's a coincidence that I have found his obituary, but am happy to share how much he influenced my life and made me feel like a normal person with my hearing impairment. I will always be grateful to his work and for the gifts he gave me. Rest easy Bob.
Keri Sellmer

Keri Sellmer - October 20, 2025 at 04:40 PM