



John Francis Conforte

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John Conforte, age 93 passed away Saturday, November 29, 2014 at his home in Canadian Lakes surrounded by family. He was born in New York City in 1921. He graduated from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and later obtained a Master's Degree in Economics at Adelphi University on Land Island. John and his wife had been active at Canadian Lakes for many years until her untimely death from an automobile accident in 2004. He had been a member of the Canadian Lakes Association Board and was Director of Tennis, running the various tournaments. John was an avid golfer and during his later years gave up tennis for Pickle Ball, which he found as an adequate replacement.

He was also active in outside community affairs as a board member of the Walton-Erickson Library, as well as, a member of God's Helping Hands pantry finance board. John was a Trustee of the Austin Township Board and quite active in politics as a member of the Mecosta County Republican club, the Canadian Lakes Republican club and was a precinct delegate.

John taught as a substitute teacher in four local high schools, Big Rapids Middle School and the adult education classes in Lakeview for four years.

He served in the Marine Corps during WWII. After occupation duty in Japan, he joined the International Dairy Company of California in Yokohama. While in Japan, he met and married his wife, Ann Marie. She was there attached to the 5th Air Force as part of an organization that replaced the Red Cross that had been working with the service men in occupied Japan. After returning to the United States, John joined the Overseas Division of General Motors. He served in South America and Europe in both sales and finance, retiring after 33 years with GM.

John is survived by three sons, Jeffrey, Julian, and Christopher; one daughter, Christine Wissmann; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM with visitation from 1:00 PM to the time of the service. The family will greet friends on Friday, December 5th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Hansen Janowicz Funeral Home in Remus with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring my direct memorial contributions to God's Helping Hands. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church.



Events

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Visitation

- Friday**, December 5, 2014
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Janowicz Family Funeral Home**
469 West Wheatland, Remus MI 49340



Service

- Saturday**, December 6, 2014
- 2:00 PM ET
- St. Michael's Catholic Church**
8929 50th Ave., Remus MI 49340





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Conforte family.



December 4 at 3:54 PM



Sue Glatz posted:

Your Dad was always so pleasant to everyone. He will really be missed. I worked with him on Republican projects and saw him often at community events. Always had a smile too. Brightened my day--that's the way I'll remember him.Sue Glatz

December 4 at 8:47 AM



Cory Taylor posted:

Dear John. such a dear man...gentleman through and through with gentle heart. I met him years ago when I was a banker @ Canadian Lakes but got to know him through my library where he served on my library board for many years. For the past 10 years he was part of our book discussion group. He was the only male in the group,a fact he liked to remind his golfing buddies of . It was such a pleasure having him in that group, he loved to read, would take detailed notes, and shared not only insight. John often regaled us with tales of his life experiences that related to things in the book (or not) but we never tired of hearing him share. He definitely had a wealth of such experiences . even though there was quite an age difference between John and I we became friends. I looked forward to warm hugs I got from him every time I saw him. He referred to me as "Cory dear". he will be greatly missed in our book club and I WILL MISS HIM, my friend. my heartfelt condolences to his family. Heaven has gained a scholarly and gentlemanly ange!!!!

December 4 at 8:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Let It Snow to the Conforte family.



December 3 at 1:15 PM



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Tricia Donegan lit a candle in honor of John.

Mr. Conforte was one of our flyers for our June Inaugural Flight. I'm glad he had the opportunity to see the WW II Memorial. It was an honor and privilege to share this day with him. Our sincere condolences to his family. Tricia Donegan, Hub Director Mid-Michigan Honor Flight

November 30 at 5:57 AM



HT

Helen Taylor lit a candle in honor of John.

John Conforte was a gentleman in the true sense of the word - a thoughtful, caring man who saw the best in everyone. I became acquainted with John and his wife when I worked at the professional center @ Canadian Lakes when that building first came into being. Later, I worked as sec'y/bookkeeper at Morley Stanwood Schools and John came to us as a sub teacher. Always enjoyed visiting with him whenever he subbed. Mr and Mrs Conforte were people to be admired and he will be missed greatly, as she has been missed, also. My sincere condolences to family and friends.

November 30 at 5:25 AM



TN

The Canadian Lakes Neighborhood posted:

We met John in 1998 when we moved in down the street from him. He was always kind and helpful and my kids looked up to him with his involvement in our Church. On a light note...they nicknamed him Speedy Conforte when they'd see his car zipping past our house. Rest in peace John.

November 30 at 4:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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