



Donald James Conley

July 15, 1922 - February 23, 2011

CONLEY, DONALD JAMES

Age 88 February 23, 2011

Born July 15, 1922 in Rogers City , MI. Beloved husband of Evelyn (nee Czerwinski) of 62 years. Loving father of Kathleen (Pierce) Kent, Pat (Rick) Ricken, Donna (Keith) Saltsman, Mike (Crystal), Carrie (Scott) Bryson and Colleen (Ray) Haddas. Proud grandfather of Siobhan Kent, Mary Brigid (Bill) Bereza; Brian and Andrew Ricken; Michael (Raquel), MaryBeth, Katy and David Saltsman; Shannon, Mitchell and Christopher Conley; Daniel, Timothy, Sarah, Matthew, Hannah, Rebekah and Rachel Bryson; and Daniel Haddas. Dear brother of Kathleen Carr, Lloyd, Delmar (Virginia), Lois Furtaw, Ruth Lamb and Jimmy (Karen). Served proudly in the US Army-Air Force during WWII (South Pacific). Founder and former owner of D.J. Conley Associates Inc.. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner (Suite #100) Jacksonville, FL. 32256 (www.woundedwarriorproject.org). Don loved the Lord, loved his country, loved his Irish heritage but his greatest love of all was his family. Visitation Friday 3-9pm with a 7pm wake service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Pkwy. Instate 9:00am Saturday at St. Blase Catholic Church 12151 Dodge Park in Sterling Heights until 9:30 am Mass. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Donald James Conley*

Siobhan Kent - March 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *As a new immigrant to America in 1975 accompanied by Don Conley's daughter Kathleen (soon to be my "better half") I will never forget the great "fáilte" that awaited me thanks in no part to my late father in law and his dear wife Evelyn. Any trepidation I felt about leaving my homeland and settling here dissolved quickly on being bestowed with the Conley hospitality. Throughout the years Don Conley's integrity, love of life, his kindness, uncomplicated nature and above all his love for his family shone through. In the latter years he had suffered from the loss of most of his hearing and eyesight but bore his cross with great courage and good humor. I will miss this nonpareil descendant of Luke Conley, the first of the clan to set foot on these shores from the Emerald Isle in 1801. My condolences to his dear wife Evelyn, his children, his siblings and his grandchildren and to all those who feel the loss. Requiescat in Pace Donald James Conley.*

Pierce Kent - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Listen ... can you hear his laughter? It's always there, just at the edge of morning. May you all find peace in happy memories. Kathy Pegan & Dave Naylor*

Kathleen Pegan - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ One of my Dad's favorite songs (and he had MANY favorites) was "We'll follow the old man wherever he wants to go" from the 1940s classic movie "White Christmas": I have no doubt that Dad wanted "...to be in that number when the Saints Go Marching In". He is probably leading the parade & pouring the LaBatt's afterwards. My Dad = Love. We'll miss you always. Love, #1

Kate Kent - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I'll never forget the big part played by Don Conley in the great "fáilte" as I and my soon to be "better half", Don's #1 daughter arrived in America from the ancestral homeland of the Conley name. As a new immigrant to these shores it was with some trepidation that I arrived in my new country. Within no time I felt truly welcome. Don Conley's hospitality, kindness and love for his family was legendary. Requiescat in Pace.

Pierce Kent - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ REST IN PEACE. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR GOOD TIMES IN IVANHOE LANE.

HELMUT & HANNELORE MROZIK - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I love you grandpa; You were a great man who truly touched the lives of everyone you met. I will miss you always; I will love you always. I know the view from heaven is phenomenal :-) xomB

Mary Beth Saltsman - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Grandpa - the craic in heaven got a bit mightier this week. Memories of you fill my head and tears fill my eyes. The sad thing about this great party we call life is that we all go home at different times. But we all have to go home. Thank you for filling the party with song, laughter, pomes, and love. What a time we had! I am joyed to have had you in my life for 30 years. Rest in peace. I know you weren't big on the Internet. Perhaps St. Peter can print this at the gate when he welcomes you.

Bridie Bereza - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mr. Conley. You will be missed. I will always remember and cherish all the fun times we had with our families. Wonderful memories. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen and Len West - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Don, I wish mightily that I could fly to Michigan to honor your loving memory. There are so many thoughts about you and my reminiscing has helped me soften my great loss. You were more than a friend - you were there during my loss, emptying my sump pump, advising me about home improvement, helping with the paint crew to almost demolish my reputation in the neighborhood. We had seasons in the sun aboard the Patrician and you and Evelyn will always have a large place in my heart. God Bless and know that you have been loved by many. Love, P2

A friend - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM