



Joseph Patrick Coonan

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Joseph Patrick Coonan was born October 20, 1922, in Lancaster, PA to John and Dorothy Coonan and passed away peacefully at home on September 24, 2004. Joe was a proud member of the U.S. Army for 27 years. He served in WWII, the Korean War and the War in Vietnam. Joe was a decorated hero, receiving many commendations including the WWII Victory Medal, Legion of Merit, Vietnam Service Medal and Bronze Star. Upon Joe's retirement at the rank of Lt. Colonel, the family settled in Lakewood, WA, where he pursued careers in the insurance and then construction fields. Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Lois; children Cathy (Bill) Savage, Marie (Bill) Spencer, John Coonan and David (Tracy) Coonan; grandchildren Jillian, Ryan and Jenna Savage, Jeff (Kim) Evans and Sarah Spencer, Katie, Matthew and Danica Coonan, Danny and Kyle Coonan and great-grandsons Matthew Evans and Samuel Spencer. He is also survived by his sister Joan (Frank) Kreider, brother Jim (Rose) Coonan and sister-in-law Helen Strine. Joe was an amazing man, deeply loved by his family who all miss him dearly. His devotion to family, kind heart and generosity will be his legacy for all who have loved him. He will be forever remembered as a handyman extraordinaire, gourmet cook, for Sunday dinners, Beefeater martinis, fine cigars and Pop-Pop's candy cupboard. A special thank you to Cathy Thompson and Bettina Baldtrip of Franciscan Hospice and Barb Clift, Debbie Sandoval and Sandy Waller for their loving care and devotion to Joe during his illness. A service and reception will be held Friday, October 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Celebration of Life Center in Lakewood followed by a graveside service with full military honors at 2:00 p.m. at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Remembrances may be made to Franciscan Hospice, 2901 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98466 or online to the American Stroke Association. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252



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Anonymous posted:

David I saw your fathers obituary and wanted to send my condolences to you and your family. There are really no words when a family member dies that give much comfort. I can only send you and your family my warmest thoughts and the hope for peace for you all.##imported-begin##Cynthia Sims##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart goes out to Aunt Lois, my cousins and their families. I'm sure all the wonderful memories of Uncle Joe will comfort you today and always.##imported-begin##Dorothy Meck##imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I want to send my condolences to my brother's family. I am sorry that I was not able to make the trip for the funeral. I will always remember my brother and our trips to Washington to visit him and Lois and their family.##imported-begin##Joan Coonan Kreider##imported-end##

October 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My first thought was, what a welcome he must have received in the afterlife! My mom(Rose Coonan Meck)passed away 3 years ago,but it is comforting to know she has been joined by so many people she loved. My condolences to all of Uncle Joe's family. I have fond memories of visiting my cousins,Aunt Lois and Uncle Joe in Kentucky over 35 years ago.Growing up,Uncle Joe was always such a source of pride for my mother and grandmother.##imported-begin##Charlotte Meck DiCola##imported-end##

September 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Aunt Lois and my cousins: I am sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed being with Uncle Joe when he came East. I wish I could have seen more of him, but he fell in love with Washington State. I know he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Mary Jo Grove##imported-end##

September 29 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I love my Pop - Pop so much. I will miss him everyday for the rest of my life. I want to thank him for everything he has ever done for me.##imported-begin##Jillian Savage##imported-end##

September 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to Lois and family. Had a very nice meeting with cousin Joe when we were in Korea.##imported-begin##Frank & Helen Gross##imported-end##

September 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart goes out to the entire Coonan family. My husband Don always told great stories about Joe and Lois. I know you will miss your husband, dad, and grandfather very much.Nadine (Mrs. Don) Picard##imported-begin##Nadine Picard##imported-end##

September 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Pop-Pop will be missed for many reasons, but mainly for the example he set for his family on how to truly be a a loving father, grandfather, and husband. I feel privileged to have been able to know him.##imported-begin##Kim Evans##imported-end##

September 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Joe Coonan:I used to work with your Dad at Hutchinson Ins.Co. I was his acctn.manager for 7 years. I truly admired him, & he treated me with much kindness - like I was one of his daughters! That was approx. 20 years ago today!I wish all of you peace, with much treasured memories - of a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Terry Erker##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dad was my hero. I will miss him always.##imported-begin##Cathy Savage##imported-end##

September 27 at 6:00 PM



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



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