



James Joseph Conran

March 17, 1933 - July 27, 2007

CONRAN. James Joseph

James Joseph Conran, 74, husband of Sheila Robinson Conran of West Hartford, died Friday, July 27, 2007 at his home. Born in West Hartford, the son of the late Wilson and Rosa Dunne Conran, he made his home in West Hartford his entire life. He graduated from Kingswood Oxford and served in the Airborne Medical Battalion of the US Army during the Korean War. James was a business manager at the Robinson School in West Hartford for 17 years and was a self employed real estate appraiser. He was a founding member of the Tabor House, was a member of the Knights of Columbus #3600, a member of the American Legion Post 0096, a former member of the West Hartford Rotary, was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, serving on the parish council, and was home school president. Besides his wife, he is survived by his five children and their spouses, Mary Margaret Smith and her husband Jeffrey of South Windsor, Kathleen M. Conran of Warwick, RI, Philip Conran and his wife Marcia of West Hartford, Richard Conran and his wife Mary of Hamden, Elizabeth Conran of Hartford; three brother Edward Conran of Hartford, Philip Conran of Santa Barbara, CA, Paul Conran of Colorado Springs, CO; his sister Rosann Conran of Brewster, MA; three grandsons, James and Shane Smith of South Windsor, Jacob Conran of West Hartford, and his granddaughter Faith Brown of Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in his

memory may be made the Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater CT Chapter, 659 Tower Ave, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06112, or to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1004, Meriden, CT 066450-1004. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Kathy,
The Real Estate Management Team and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Gary Guenther##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was a special man who always cared about others. He was invaluable as our "rental agent" at the Sedgwick Apts, and will be very much missed by all. Many of the current residents moved there in part because they believed Jim when he told them that the Sedgwick would make a "good home" for them. I personally will miss him greatly as I learned to trust his judgements, observations, and wisdom as it related to the facility and our ongoing business. We all wish Sheila and the Family our sincere condolences at this difficult time. Sincerely, Connecticut Properties, Sedgwick Apts LLC., Mike MacDonald CPM##imported-begin##Mike MacDonald CPM, Sedgwick Apts LLC. Connecticut Properties Inc.##imported-end##

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“ We will always remember Jim for his ever present smile. Also for the occasion he took the time to make sure Chris was ok or needed help when her car was struck by the dump truck on the way to work many years ago. We enjoyed working with the both of you at the St Thomas School functions because of your positive and caring nature.##imported-begin##Chris and Phil Laby##imported-end##

July 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Conran Family,*

We're so sorry to hear about Jim. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Love,

Justin, Alison, Nathan and Harper Robinson.

Michael, Benjamin and Cade Robinson.##imported-begin##Justin and Michael Robinson##imported-end##

July 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wishing all the loved ones, family and friends of Jim peace as he is remembered and mourned. I know that Liz cherished her Dad and he will be missed greatly.*

My heartfelt condolences,

Sandie Lavoy##imported-begin##Sandie Lavoy##imported-end##

July 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm very sadden by the passing of Uncle Jim and my prayers go out to the family. I have very fond memories when thinking about Uncle Jim. In particular, many years ago while I was at prep school in MA, Uncle Jim and Aunt Sheila took time to come to my basketball games, which would sometimes double the amount of fans in attendance. It was really nice to have him there supporting me even though we would usually get crushed. Now that's true support.

And, Uncle Jim would always try to attend each football game. At one game, I had an interception and Uncle Jim ran along with me down the sideline for a touchdown. I still have this on video and it's quite funny. I think he was happier than I because he was outrunning me.

His support and love even with that glaring look when I did something wrong will never be forgotten.

Love, Mike Conran, Mary Anne & Taylor##imported-begin##Mike Conran##imported-end##

July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Jim was a man always dedicated to family. It shows. His children have worked hard and become successful; enjoyed life raising exceptional children of their own; and battled adversity with remarkable strength. Such attributes clearly emanated from Uncle Jim and of course, Aunt Shiela. My West Hartford cousins Mary, Kathy, Rick, Phil and Liz have always been special to me, so Uncle Jim's passing is difficult. However, I can picture him giving one of those stern looks and saying, "Cut that out" and then his big grin would light up the room. He would want us to happy and not worry about him. Uncle Jim was a very good man and he will be missed.

Love, Patrick, Suzanne, Cassidy, Richard and Liam
Conran###imported-begin###Patrick Conran###imported-end##

July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I met Jim through the Knights of Columbus when he retired as Financial Secretary and I took over. He was a good friend to me. He will be deeply missed. We are sending our prayers and condolences to Sheila and family.
Bob & Blanche Randall###imported-begin###Bob & Blanche Randall###imported-end##

July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Conran's and Smith's,
I sincerely express my condolences to you all. Uncle Jim was always my favorite uncle. I am so very happy that my husband and children had a chance to meet him a couple of years ago. When I told my son Stephen of Uncle Jim's passing he said although he had only met him that one time, he could tell he was a special person. The entire Berlo family wishes to express their sympathy. Love, Kelly Conran Berlo###imported-begin###Kelly Berlo###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry about Jim. I bumped into him not long ago and was concerned that he didn't look good. He explained about the weight loss and what he had gone thru.

I, like Jim am 74 years old. My memory of Jim goes back to when he was a West Hartford Police officer and that's when we became friends. We didn't socialize together but we saw each other frequently going in or out of the Post Office. We both were friends of and were associated with the late Pat Maxwell Stafford in Real estate. Pat & her family have been like family to me for well over 50 years.

I remember when Jim married the daughter of the owner of Robinson School on Highland street. I knew Mr Robinson also. I keep wanting to say Jimmy because that is what I called him. Jimmy was a great guy, always with a smile, concern for others and I am truly sorry. I will miss him.

Sincerely,

Bob McKeon###imported-begin###Bob McKeon###imported-end##

July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim and Sheila were always so kind to my father, John Sinon, who was the gardener at Robinson School and their home. While shovelling snow at their home on Thanksgiving Day, they invited him for dinner since the rest of our family were at my sister's house in Massachusetts. Our family extend our sympathy to Sheila and family on the loss of this kind-hearted, good-natured man.##imported-begin##Pat Sinon Branciforte##imported-end##

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“ I knew Jim chiefly through the Knights of Columbus. I will always remember Jim's kindnesses, especially in the way he took care of Brother Michael Fanelli, making sure that he had a ride to meetings and helping Mr. Fanelli participate in the business of our meetings. Jim was devoted to the council through his many years of service as Financial Secretary, and he helped me and other Grand Knights immeasurably in the performance of our duties. Jim had proper respect for the order but he also had great perspective, and brought a comfortable informality to the business of our council. I will miss Jim's sense of humor and humaness. I join with my brother Knights in extending sympathy to Sheila and the rest of Jim's family.##imported-begin##Bill Healey##imported-end##

July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim recruited me into the Knights of Columbus and also helped convince me of the value of going on retreat at Holy Family. He was the kind of husband, father and Catholic Gentleman I aspire to be.*

I will pray for his eternal rest and for peace and healing in the Conran Family.

Sincerely,

Jim McCormack##imported-begin##Jim McCormack##imported-end##

July 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM