



## Jerry J. Coursey Jr.

February 21, 1929 - February 11, 2007

Jerry J. Coursey, Jr., 77, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Joanne Kelly Coursey for 55 years, passed away on Sunday, February 11 at Hartford Hospital. Mr. Coursey was born in Denver, CO on February 21, 1929 and was the son of Jeremiah and Lucille Switzer Coursey. Mr. Coursey, nicknamed Corky as an infant, attended Regis College in Denver, CO on a baseball and basketball scholarship, graduating in 1950. He was a member of Regis' 1948-49 basketball team that won the Catholic Schools National Championship and set a NCAA record of 36 victories. In 1997, he was inducted with the Inaugural Class to the Regis University Hall of Fame. From 1951-54, Mr. Coursey served in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant. In 1954, he began his career with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company CML as a sales agent in Denver. In 1960, he became the head of CML's agency in Long Beach, CA, and a few years later opened CML's Orange County agency. From 1966-68, he served as Assistant Vice President in CML's Hartford home office, and became General Agent for CML's flagship Hartford Agency in 1968. For 16 of the following 17 years ? The Coursey Agency? finished in the top ten of all of CML's agencies nationwide. The Coursey Agency also won CML's highest award, The President's Organization Award, five times during Mr. Coursey's tenure. Mr. Coursey also served as Senior Vice President for Agency Operations for CML from 1985-1989. Over his years in the Hartford area, Mr. Coursey served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph College

in West Hartford. He also served on the Board of Directors of Kingswood-Oxford School; The United Way of Greater Hartford and the YMCA of Greater Hartford. Mr. Coursey was also a Corporator of Hartford Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, and the Institute of Living. In addition to his wife, Joanne, Mr. Coursey is survived by his five sons; Jerry J. Coursey III and his wife Mary Griffin of Silver Spring, MD; Michael J. Coursey of Bethesda, MD; Daniel P. Coursey of Newbury Port, MA; Martin J. Coursey and his wife Nancy of West Hartford, CT; and Charles T. Coursey and his wife Mary of West Hartford, CT. Corky also leaves behind fourteen loving grandchildren; Connor and Ian Coursey of Silver Spring, MD; Michael Jr. and Julia Coursey of Bethesda, MD; Tora Coursey of Newbury Port, MA; Kathryn, Sheila, Ryan and Taylor Coursey of West Hartford; and Charlie, Annie, Rosie, Clare and Ned Coursey of West Hartford. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Margaret Coursey of Denver CO. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Patrick- St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford. Burial will be private. Calling hours are Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the "Joanne K. '85 and Jerry J. Coursey, Jr. Scholarship Fund" mail to: Saint Joseph College, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117 and the "Regis Scholarship Program" mail to: Regis University, Mail Stop B-16, 3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver, CO 80221-1099, Attn: Paul Brocker B-16

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Chuck and Family,

*We are sorry to learn of the passing of your father.*

*With sympathy,*

*Ken & Pat Feldtmose##imported-begin##Ken & Pat  
Feldtmose##imported-end##*

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February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so saddened today to hear of Jerry's passing and regret that I did not hear about the funeral until late in the day. I am sure that you have received many notes of sympathy and praise for Jerry who was truly one of the greatest men that I have ever been lucky enough to come into contact with. I know that he will be sorely missed by all who loved him. My thoughts are with you on this difficult day. We have all lost a great gift in his passing. May your loving memories of the joys you shared comfort you and your family at this time. Much love and sympathy. - Chera Gerstein##imported-begin##Chera Gerstein##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Jerry's death. I am down in Florida so I won't be able to make it to the calling hours. He was a wonderful man and a wonderful general agent. I consider myself very fortunate to have worked for him. My condolences go out to all the family. He will be missed by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Susan Eliason##imported-end##*

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joanne and Family, Please know how deeply I share your loss, and how much I treasure the opportunity to have known Jerry. If I could navigate better on ice I would surely be there with you##imported-begin##Sr. Claire Markham##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marty and your family,  
I am sorry to hear of your dad passing, my deepest condolences to you and all your family. Jerry will be greatly missed by all that knew and worked with him.##imported-begin##Dariusz##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joanne,  
I was very sorry to learn of Jerry's death. I had hoped to offer you my condolences at the wake today, but I am still snowed in and am waiting for my snow plow man.  
It is my hope that you will be comforted by your many happy memories.  
Sincerely,  
Betty Markham##imported-begin##Betty Markham##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to Holy Cross with Marty and want to offer my condolences and prayers to the Coursey family. I never met Jerry Coursey but I know his son and that's enough to tell me Jerry must have been a pretty special guy.

Again, my deepest sympathy to Marty and the entire Coursey family.

Michael Harvey##imported-begin##michael harvey##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Marty and Chuck,  
My sincere condolences to you and your respective families on the passing of your father.

He was a rare combination of a successful business/community leader and a family man. A special man who will be greatly missed by everyone that had the good fortune of meeting and getting to know him.

May the years of fond memories of him be of comfort to you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mike O'Keefe##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.##imported-begin##Michele Penkauskas##imported-end##

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February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joanne, Marty, and Chuck:*

*Bill and I were saddened to learn of Jerry's death. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you and your families. My earliest memories of Cork I asked my dad where that nickname came from, because it just didn't match with Jerry.... were of he, and several of the boys, assisting in making a sidewalk at our home in Simsbury. It was a great example of how he lived - disciplined, professional, goal-oriented, all the while with a sense of humor and zest for work. He will be missed. Our love, Melissa and Bill##imported-begin##Melissa Millan##imported-end##*

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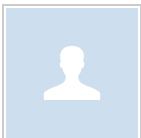
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“ *Dear Joanne, Marty and your family,  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy at Jerry's passing into Paradise. Our thoughts reflect on the contributions Jerry has made to our family. Not only a competent professional, but Jerry's approach was soft and kind, ever wise and caring. Thank you Jerry, and thank you to his children who have been blessed with the imprint of Jerry's virtues.  
With our sympathy,  
Dick and Pat Quinn##imported-begin##Dick and Pat Quinn##imported-end##*

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February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael -  
So sorry to read your Dad's obituary in the paper this morning. My condolences to you and your family.  
Jackie Lapenta Wasta##imported-begin##Jackie Lapenta Wasta##imported-end##*

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February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Although my friendship with Jerry was a short one, I knew from day one that Jerry's sense of values and what was important coincided with mine and that we would have a special rapport. And indeed we did. We enjoyed very much each other's company whenever we got together. I will miss him at those gatherings.##imported-begin##Bob Warren##imported-end##

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February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs Coursey, Marty, Chuck, Jerry, Mike and Danny,

*My deepest condolences on the passing of such a wonderful husband and father.*

*Although an illness can slowly rob a man of his physical and mental strengths, it cannot touch his essential character. From my perspective, Jerry Coursey will always represent the quintessential family man;*

*a truly kind and gentle man of class and quiet strength who earned the respect of everyone he encountered.##imported-begin##Rick Beckerman##imported-end##*

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February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest sympathies to Joanne, Marty, Chuck and the rest of your family on the passing of one of my truly favorite people. Our family will never forget, and will always appreciate, the smiles and friendship that Jerry shared with our dad during their St. Mary stay together.##imported-begin##Dave Francis##imported-end##

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February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to you all. Know that you all have "Angel Corky" watching over you. Sincerely -  
Kristin Beth Ferris

February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



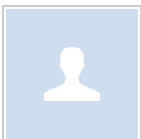
“ A great friend and wonderful person - The Curran Family will miss you, and forever keep you in our hearts.  
Mike & Nancy Curran

February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joanne and family,  
Please accept my prayers for you and your family at this time of sorrow. I always enjoyed meeting with Jerry over the course of his tenure at St. Joseph College. His gentle wisdom moved the College community forward with grace and expertise. We will miss his presence. My prayer is that God support you in the days to come with God's own love and life.  
Sincerely,  
Mary Daly RSM

February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Coursey, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Jerry was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was well respected at CML. I knew him when he was our GA in Hartford and when he came into the Home Office as Senior Vice President. May God Bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.  
Sharon DuBois

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