



John Conrad

June 9, 1924 - May 21, 2012

John Lewis Conrad, 87 of Manassas Virginia died peacefully on May 21, 2012. A gifted business man, devoted husband, wonderful father, giving grandfather, and super Redskin Football fan, with an unforgettable laugh. A shining example of all that measures a strong, honorable man. Born June 9, 1924 in Portland, Oregon, to the Reverend John L. Conrad and Elsie (Bautz) Conrad.

John served in the United States Marine Corp during World War II as a Staff Sergeant. He saw combat in the Pacific on Iwo Jima and Guam. Upon his discharge he returned to Buffalo, New York where he worked for the local phone company (where he met his wife, Mary Ann), became a sales representative for the H.J. Heinz company and then joined the W.H. Gunlocke Chair Company in October 1955 where he held positions as a territory salesman, assistant to the General Sales manager, Vice President & General Manager, Executive Vice president, where he expanded the company by establishing a factory in California and adding a desk line. He became President of the company in 1971 finishing his career at Gunlocke by leading a strong Government Sales team and eventually retiring in Manassas, Virginia.

John was a long time active member of Manassas Presbyterian Church. Some of John's other achievements included: Vice President of the Whittier

Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Rio Hondo Family Service Association, Chairman of the Board of the Rio Hondo Metropolitan YMCA and a member of The City of Whittier's Crime and Civil Disorder Prevention Committee.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary Ann Conrad, sisters, Barbara Shoemaker, Helen McLeod, Lilah McLeod and little brother Donny.

He is survived by his son and spouse John and Shirley Conrad of High Point North Carolina, 3 daughters and their spouses Susan and Skip Hollcroft of Manassas Virginia, Lisa and Tony Brooks also of Manassas, and Anginette and David Holmes of Laurel Maryland; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 24th from 6-8 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Friday, May 25th at Manassas Presbyterian Church. Interment immediately after service at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations may be made to Manassas Presbyterian Church, 8201 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA 20109

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *John L Conrad was a wonderful mentor. He taught me so much about the government as it relates to the furniture industry. John was a smart, knowledgable, kind man. rest in peace and be with your love of your life- Mary Ann. I am a better person for having known John. The Gunlocke whistle will blow in his honor.*

Cam McHale - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

SU

“ *I will miss you always, Dad. You were a shining light in my life, always making me feel special. God truly blessed us with you.*

Susi - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

SW

“ *To My Precious Sister Lisa, My Heart goes out to You and Your Family at this time in Your Life. I know that You Loved Your Dad very much and I'm sure that His Presence will be Missed until You (1 Day) Go Home to see Him in Heaven with 'Jesus' Just know that We All Love You and Your Children Very Much...Please tell Susie, Angie, John & Your Children that they are in My Prayers as well. *Our Love Sent To You All* From, The Brooks, Patton & Wine Family...*

SUSAN WINE - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

RT

“ *Sue, Skip, Billy and Kyle: I'm so sorry for your loss. Love, Ruth*

Ruth Thompson - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JC

“ *Men Like you, my Dad, don't travel in herds, you are found one at a time and are a hard act to follow. I will always love you.*

John David Conrad - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

LB

“ *Dad,I will miss you so much.I love you and I am glad you were my father.*

Lisa Conrad Brooks - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

EH

“ *Today I read about Mr. Conrad in the High Point, N.C. paper. The photo is as I remember him from the early '70s at Gunlocke. I was then in my mid twenties and he was a dynamic and stimulating influence to everyone at the company. I certainly look back on him as one of those who mentored me in those years.*

Also I remember Mr. Conrad bringing his football friends to Wayland including Ron McDole. We had basketball fundraisers in the Wayland gym with the factory folks against the "ringers" Mr. Conrad brought in.

I'm sorry for your loss, but I know you're smiling about all your memories.

Sincerely, Ed Henderson

Ed Henderson - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BW

“ Kids and grandkids, John was truly a great man who loved you all in a monumental way. He was great to work with and I shall never forget traveling with him in the old Pinto with holes in the floorboard while wearing the asbestos apron Mary Ann made for him so his cigar ashes didn't burn his polyester pants! I love him and will think of him every time I light my cigar.

Bob Wilcox - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BB

“ John, Shirley, Emily and Dan,

Bill and I extend our condolences.....he looks and sounds like a great man and I am sure he was. Know that we are thinking of you.

Bill and Mary Florence

bill and mary florence barnes - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MH

“ Where do I start. What an amazing man A mentor , a leader, a good friend There are so many memories to cherish. Know that I'm thinking of all of you with much love.

Marj Hitt - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM