

Mr. Morton "Pete" L. Conwell, Jr.

December 29, 1924 - June 2, 2015

Morton Lee "Pete" Conwell, Jr., 90, of Colonial Heights, passed away June 2, 2015. Born in Stony Creek, Virginia, he was the son of the late Morton Lee Conwell, Sr. and Edna Williamson Conwell. He had a strong passion and love for the game of baseball. Pete played 4 years in the minor leagues finishing up in 1951 with the Petersburg Generals and later went on to coach. He proudly served his country as Sergeant in the U.S. National Guard for 18 years. Pete had a successful career in the automotive business highlighted as President and Owner of Ted Curry Motors in Petersburg, VA, for over 20 years. He was also President and Co-owner of Dinwiddie Memorial Park Cemetery for over 30 years. Pete was Past President and 60 year member of the Colonial Heights Optimist Club, Past President and member of the Tri-City New Car Dealers Association, Past Master of Edwards Lodge No. 308 AF & AM, and was a faithful and lifetime member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Colonial Heights. He is survived by his wife, Leona Royster Conwell; son, William L. "Billy" Conwell and wife, Dottie, of Colonial Heights; two daughters, Cheree C. "Renee" Patton and husband, Samuel, of Alpharetta, GA, and Kimberly C. Rose and husband, Doug, of Chester; six grandchildren, Meghan Conwell, Meredith Conwell, Lauren Sanborn, Samuel Kyle Patton, Ashley Rose and Aaron Rose; three sisters, Florence C. Atkins, Edith C. Carraway, and Agnes C. Holloway; sister-in-law, Rose R. Moore; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff and caregivers of the Robert E. Brown Memory Unit at the Masonic Home of Virginia for all of their wonderful care. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7th at Immanuel Baptist Church. A funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8th at the church with Pastor Fred Adkins and Dr. Doug Echols officiating. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum at Southlawn Memorial Park with Masonic Rites. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Home of Virginia, P.O. Box 7866, Henrico, VA 23231 or to Immanuel Baptist Church, 620 Lafayette Ave, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Condolences may be registered at www.jtmorriss.com.

Cemetery	Events		
Southlawn Memorial ParkJUN 1911 Birdsong Road 7 Petersburg, VA, 23805 JUN 8	kJUN 7	Visitation	03:00PM - 05:00PM
		Immanuel Baptist Church 620 Lafayette Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA, US, 23834	
	JUN	Service	01:00PM
	8	Immanuel Bap	tist Church Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA, US, 23834

Comments



Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Morton "Pete" L. Conwell, Jr..



June 07 at 11:36 PM



A tribute video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - June 05 at 02:02 PM



66 So beautiful and a picture truly is worth a thousand words.

Robert Grosz - June 06 at 09:03 PM



66 Sorry for your loss of such a great man. I will cherish the visits I had with him at the Masonic home.

David Hitchcock

David Hitchcock - June 08 at 09:01 AM



66 Billy and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts at this difficult time.

Pat.Tim & Erika Edwards

Pat Edwards - June 07 at 07:53 AM





Billy so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Allan Williams



I remember your Dad and Mom fondly. Coming in church on Sunday morning and Leona claiming Pete had made them late again. But when we had early services, they were there. Not me, I saw them at Sunday School. My how your Dad loved to talk! You children were the love of their life and being with you Mom more than with your Dad, I heard all about you growing up.

She even made us stop by Billy's one day to see their Christmas decorations. Heard so many stories about Renee's children. Hope to get to see you during this time of sadness, but rejoicing. You guys were so good to your parents. Love to all of you. Stella Staley

Will light a light on the Lottie Moon tree for your Dad.

Stella Staley - June 05 at 02:31 PM











J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - June 05 at 01:46 PM



LEONA, RENEE, BILLY, KIM, AND YOUR WONDERFUL IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILY.. HELEN AND I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU IN THE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED, PETE. WE HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR 43 YEARS, AND YOU ARE THE KIND OF FRIENDS WE COULD

NEVER FORGET IN 100 YEARS WE LOVED PETE SO MUCH AND HAD THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR HIM. HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY, AND HIS LOVE OF

GOD, COUNTRY, HIS CHURCH AND HIS FAMILY WERE SUCH STRONG POINTS

IN HIS LIFE. WE HAVE HAD SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE IN YOUR FAMILY LIFE AND

WE WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE RELATIONSHIPS WE DEVELOPED WITH YOU

THERE IS A PASSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE WHICH I BELIEVE TRULY APPLIES TO

PETE. IT IS FOUND IN PSALM 1:1 FOLLOWING: "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NORSTANDS IN THE PATH OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL; BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND IN HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.....ETC.

HENRY FORD, FOUNDER OF THE FORD MOTOR CO. WAS CELEBRATING HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY, WHEN SOMEONE ASKED HIM: "MR. FORD, WHAT IS THE SECRETE OF YOUR LONG, SUCCESSFUL, AND HAPPY MARRIAGE?" HE REPLIED, "THE SAME AS WITH THE AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS, STICK TO ONE MODEL"! MAY GOD GRANT YOU HIS PEACE AND COMFORT IN KNOWING HE IS

NOW IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. THAT MAKES THIS BEARABLE WE LOVE YOU ALL....CHUCK AND HELEN

CHUCK AND HELEN THOMPSON - June 05 at 01:10 PM



66 My condolences to Mr. Conwell's family. He was a fine man. Terry Kollman

Terry Kollman - June 05 at 11:02 AM



I am so sorry to hear this news..... Pete was a wonderful man. A good friend to my parents, and to me.... My favorite memory of Pete is riding by the ball field and seeing him out there pitching batting practice to Billy. Those two loved them some baseball, and Pete taught Billy to be an awesome player. RIP in your God's arms. Much love to the family, Danny and Susan Wyatt

Danny - June 05 at 09:00 AM



Billy and family, prayers of strength during this difficult time. We know he will be missed beyond words.

Hilton (Peanut), Sue, Alex and Marcus - June 05 at 08:13 AM



I remember Pete from Petersburg Ford. I bought my first new truck from him. He was the sweetest man. He was so helpful and wasn't trying to push me into just buying anything. I found the truck of my dreams thanks to him. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. RIP Pete.

Michele Galderise Schulte

Michele Galderise Schulte - June 05 at 08:02 AM



Kim, Doug, Ashley and Aaron
My prayer is that God give you comfort at this time. God is the source of your strength.

Love you all, Aunt Betty Jo Stickrod

Betty Jo Stickrod - June 04 at 09:41 PM



Billy, Dottie, Kim, Renee and families, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. For all the great times and memories we share I am eternally grateful. Pete was a special person and always there to help and encourage. That is how I will always remember him. I think I spent more time at your house then mine. The times we shared are so very special and know that we share your loss and are thinking of you all. All our love, JB and Luelle.

JB Crumpler - June 04 at 09:40 PM



I have many happy memories of growing up next door to Pete in our old-fashioned neighborhood. They were always supportive of their children and friends. I spent countless hours of my teen-age years baby-sitting in their home. My deepest sympathy to Leona, Billy, Renee, and Kim. Fondly, Gayle Freeland Ackerman

Gayle Freeland Ackerman - June 04 at 07:27 PM



Sincere sympathy to the Conwell family......although I have not seen any of you in years, I hope you will remember your "babysitter" from next door from long ago. So many fun memories of neighborhood "happenings".....

my heartfelt condolences on your loss.......Mr. Pete was beloved of many people. I seldom saw him without a smile on his face.

Donna Freeland Townes

Donna Townes - June 04 at 06:32 PM



Billy and family, may God bring you comfort and strength during this time of loss. Your dad was a wonderful man who could always share a story and a smile to brighten anyone's day. I pray the memories you all shared with him and his love for you, will comfort you during this time.

Sandra Bondurant

Sandra Bondurant - June 04 at 02:12 PM



Billy and Family, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Pete. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May God bless you and your family during this time and always.

Fil Bondurant - June 04 at 01:49 PM



Billy I an very sorry for the loss of your father. What a man he was to everyone. Playball!!!

Eddie Ellington - June 04 at 01:21 PM



How can we ever forget the wonderful memories we have of our lives in the neighborhood. Our children growing up, sharing the good times, visiting with each other all the time. Pete and Leona were wonderful neighbors and I will always remember them.

Wilda L Freeland - June 04 at 08:42 AM