



John C. Tonjes

July 6, 1907 - March 22, 2007

John C. Tonjes, 99, a resident of the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home, died Thursday, March 22, 2007. He was born on July 6, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois, a son of John H. and Hannah Foell Tonjes. He was a graduate of West Division High School, Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison. He was an officer in the United States Navy during World War II. John came to Fond du Lac in 1934 to practice law with the F. Ryan Duffy Law Firm. He continued to practice in the city until 1996 when he retired. John formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin Law School; a member of the Board of Directors and Trust Department of National Exchange Bank; a member of the Board of Directors of Society Insurance Company; President of South Hills County Club; on the Board of Trustees of Covenant United Methodist Church and of Rienzi Cemetery. John was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church. He is survived by a son, John (Kimberly) Tonjes of Anderson, South Carolina; a granddaughter, Michelle St. Mary of Campbellsport; two great-grandsons: Cameron and Colton St. Mary; two stepdaughters: Laurie (Jim) Steffen of Oshkosh, Norah Adair of Reedsburg; step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; two nieces: Sue (Kurt) Sroka and Lynn (Jeff) Cummisford. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ann of Washington D.C.; his first wife, Jean Tennant Tonjes and his wife, Ruth Kelly Tonjes; a brother, Carl Tonjes and a sister-in-law, Delnia Tonjes. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007, at Covenant United

Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac, with the Rev. Paul Armstrong officiating. The family will greet friends on Monday at church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Cremation will take place with inurnment to follow in Rienzi Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

AL

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Andy Lorenz - April 06, 2007 at 03:02 PM

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Andy Lorenz of Fond du Lac, wi. - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

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Joanne Berenz - March 26, 2007 at 06:31 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all the members of John's family and friends. I used to care for John while he was a resident at Lakeview Assisted Living. His sense of humor was like no others and we enjoyed figuring out the world together. I was on maternity leave when John moved and I recieved an unmarked letter with a gift inside that only read for you and your family. I knew all along it was from John- his writing was also like no others. His kindness toward me and my family will never be forgotten. John and his family are in my thoughts and prayers and I thank John for making me smile so many times. I will miss him.

Kelly Jo Lund - March 26, 2007 at 03:12 PM

MT

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Maybelle Traut - March 26, 2007 at 09:00 AM

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Maybelle Traut of Broomfield, Colorado - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I took care of John for several years and it was a pleasure to know him and hear of some of his stories. He will be greatly missed. May god be with you all.

tammie wierman - March 25, 2007 at 11:01 PM

BH

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Bill and Jana Humleker - March 24, 2007 at 10:56 AM

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Bill and Jana Humleker of Flat Rock, NC - March 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM