



## Ralph D. Conte

October 19, 2017

### Ralph D. Conte

Age 88, born on July 19th, 1929 in Pittsburgh PA., passed away at his home in Palm Beach Gardens, FL., on October 19th, 2017. Ralph is survived by his wife, Joann Conte; his children, Richard (Laura) Conte of Seattle, WA., Joseph (Cynthia) Conte of Richmond, VA., Pamela (James Stultz) Conte of Charlotte, N.C., Martin (Jodie) Conte of Charlotte, N.C., and Christopher Keene of Charleston, S.C.; his eight grandchildren Michael (Mary) Conte of Chicago, IL., Samantha (David) Payne of Richmond, VA., Matthew (Rina) Conte of New York, N.Y., Nicholas Conte of Richmond, VA., Zachariah (Rebecca) Johnston of Charlotte, N.C., Taylor Johnston of Greenville, N.C., Gabriella and Francesca Conte of Seattle, WA., and 5 great grandchildren, Anthony, Madeline and Michael Payne, Adelina and Mary Josephine (Jo) Conte. Ralph is also survived by his brother Alfred Conte, and 3 sisters, Pauline Donahue, Jeanne Caliguiri, and Emma Janicki all of Pittsburgh, PA., as well as the mother of his children, Kathleen McKenzie Conte of Charlotte N.C. He was also beloved by his many nieces and nephews. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Virginia (Morante) Conte. Ralph was a Korean War era veteran and attended St. Vincent College. He owned and operated 3 successful Bottled Water businesses, Polar Water in Pittsburgh, Deep Rock Water in South Florida and Diamond Springs Water in Virginia and the Carolinas. Ralph was one of the founding members of the American Bottled Water Association, the precursor of today's International

Bottled Water Association. His success was recognized by his peers and resulted in his induction into the Bottled Water Hall of Fame in 1999. In the 1960's and 70's, under Ralph's leadership, the Monroeville Midget Football program prospered and provided Monroeville's youth with the opportunity to experience team work, sportsmanship and achievement through the game of football. He was well known for his generosity to his family, friends and the communities in which he lived. Friends will be received Friday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at St. Bernadette Church. Interment will be private.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

### Visitation

OCT **27**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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### Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church  
245 Azalea Drive  
Monroeville, PA



# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Ralph Will be truely missed by all, he was a great no nonsense man, who was always giving great advise, whether it was about the business or personal reasons. He was so caring, and genuine. I will miss you dearly Ralph. - Shelly*

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**Shelly Hemond** - October 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM

RR

“ *Ralph was not only my boss when I worked at Diamond Springs many years ago, but my mentor, my advisor and my friend. I learned sooo much from him about business, but actually more about life itself. I remember asking him one time if he felt gratified in that he provides jobs for so many people and his answer was that he did - but, the thing that was most gratifying was seeing people that worked for him go on to do great things in their careers and in life. I am one of those that did and it all started with Ralph... what a great man who will be sorely missed.*

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**Richard Rickabaugh** - October 27, 2017 at 02:36 PM

JM

“ *Marty and Joe, I'm sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of your Dad back in my early Liqui-Box days. I don't know if he would share that sentiment but I always enjoyed the back and forth he inspired.*

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**Jim Mathena** - October 27, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JM

“ *Marty & Joe, my deepest sympathy your loss. Ralph just a great person and mentor. Ralph played a key roll in my life and the reason for my success in the BW industry and in general.*

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**John McHugh** - October 25, 2017 at 03:58 PM

AP

*Marty and family, we were so sorry to hear about your Dad. Sincerely,  
Chip and Anne*

**Anne Price** - October 26, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *Ralph, you will be missed. Lot's to celebrate about a great man like this guy. I consider a friend, customer, a leader in the community. Every time I spoke with Ralph he would bring a room to life with the energy and kindness that he always had. Prayers for Ralph and his family in a hard time.*

**Daryl Larner** - October 25, 2017 at 09:08 AM

PT

“ *Dearest Joanne and Conte Family  
We wish we could be with you and your family at the service, even though we can't we do share in your grief and pray that God's healing hands will touch you all. Love and prayers go out for all of you.  
Pam & Walt*



**pam taylor** - October 25, 2017 at 07:50 AM

MC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family, Marty we are thinking of you. May his memory be a blessing. Aly & Matt Coben*

**matt coben** - October 25, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ Mrs. Conte & Family,

*My heartfelt condolences to you all for the loss of a great man, husband father and grandfather. You are in my thoughts and prayers during these trying times. May you find comfort in knowing he is in God's loving arms But never forget when you look up at night and see the stars shining bright know that is him watching over you all and when the sun shines know he is smiling down at you And one day you will all be together again .*



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**Lisa Lepor** - October 24, 2017 at 01:50 PM

RB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember lunches at Capitol Grill.*

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**Rosalind Butcher** - October 24, 2017 at 12:35 PM

LA

“ *My deepest condolences to the Conte Family. I only met Ralph once but was immediately impressed by his warmth, intelligence and sense of humor. I know he was a great source of leadership and inspiration and will be greatly missed.*

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**Lou Amico** - October 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ *Marty - So sorry for your loss. God bless you all. - Ralph Henderson*

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**Ralph Henderson** - October 24, 2017 at 09:35 AM

GK

“ So sorry for your loss. 2 things I will always remember are Saturday morning breakfasts with Mr. Conte and Marty at either the Phoenix or the Holiday Inn and Mr. Conte chasing Irv Rubin from his home office and spraying the air with his trusty can of BS repellent.

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**Gary Kaufman** - October 23, 2017 at 04:48 PM

SK

Marty,  
My condolences to you and your family. Your dad was my very favorite "Crusty Curmudgeon." ...a great style, a great wit, a great human being.  
Steve

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**Steve Keim** - October 24, 2017 at 12:04 PM

TM

Marty,  
I am so sad to hear of your loss. I was proud to represent Ralph and even more proud to be counted among his friends. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Tom Myrick

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**Tom Myrick** - October 24, 2017 at 05:17 PM

MK

Our Dear Mr Ralph,  
Our hearts are heavy today as we say goodbye to one amazing soul..You have always been so good to our family since Gordon joined your work family. But most of all, You touched, our sons. Brandon and Jordan, mentoring them, guiding them with life lessons in ways like no one else could. So, we will miss you, but thank you for all you did, for us and for so many while you were here....love, The Kott Family

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**Michelle Kott** - October 24, 2017 at 06:42 PM

JB

*I use to laugh at Ralph turning off his hearing aides when Sis n I wld sit down at the kitchen table or putting me in the front seat of the car n he in the back seat cus he said we talked so much. NO, Ralph !!! I am going to miss u sooo much. Love u always n so will my kids n grandkids who u treated so special.*

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**Joyce Boike** - October 24, 2017 at 06:54 PM



*Ralph Conte, You are one of my favorite people in this world today, tomorrow, and forever. No one has shared the foresight and knowledge with me that you have since we first met after I stumbled into your field. True brothers. The favor you showed my son Seth and I will not soon be forgotten. I will send Marty the book I had planned to give you at Christmas. God Bless You. Thank You for being my friend.*

*Love*

*Phil and Seth Allison*

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**Phillip Allison** - October 25, 2017 at 04:31 AM

AC

*Ralph was a role model for all who came into contact with him. A true gentleman. Sincerist condolence to Marty & all of the family.*

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**Al Ciampi** - March 14, 2018 at 03:35 AM