



Adelbert M. Corey "Del"

November 19, 1934 - January 4, 2017

Adelbert M. Corey "Del", born November 19, 1934 in East Long Meadow, Massachusetts

passed away on January 4, 2017 in Mount Clemens., Michigan at the age of 82.

Del proudly served his country in the United States Army as a paratrooper during the Korean War. He achieved the National Defense Service Medal and his Parachutist Badge. In his civilian life Del was an English Professor at Macomb Community College for 30 years. He was a teacher, a writer, a poet and friend to all who knew him and had the gift of a sense of humor and good will.

Del is survived by his beloved wife Leslie; loving father of Russell (Swati) Corey, Rhonda (Robert) Turko. Proud Grandfather of Andrew, Olivia, Bela, Connor, Cameron, and Alayna.

Dear stepfather of Caroline (Michael Jones) Vitale and Lisa (Brian) Winden. Proud step grandfather of Stephen, Anneliese, Thomas, and Madeline. Dear brother of Dorothy (the late Edward) Giroux.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3- 9 pm at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile) Shelby Twp. Instate Monday 9:30 a.m. until

time of Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux at 48115 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Township, MI 48315. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen: donate by mail to: 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or donate online at <http://www.cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@stthereseeparish.ws
<http://www.stthereseeparish.ws>

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Adelbert M. Corey "Del"*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - January 08, 2017 at 02:15 PM

PG

“ *I was looking at the Macomb catalog and thought to look up Del and see if he was still there. I took his class TWICE - simply because I loved his teaching and, while I passed the first time, *I* thought that there was far more to learn from him. I am saddened to hear that he has passed. Such an amazing man and the essence of "teacher". He will always be fondly remembered by me.*

Peter Gruenewald - February 02, 2017 at 04:14 PM

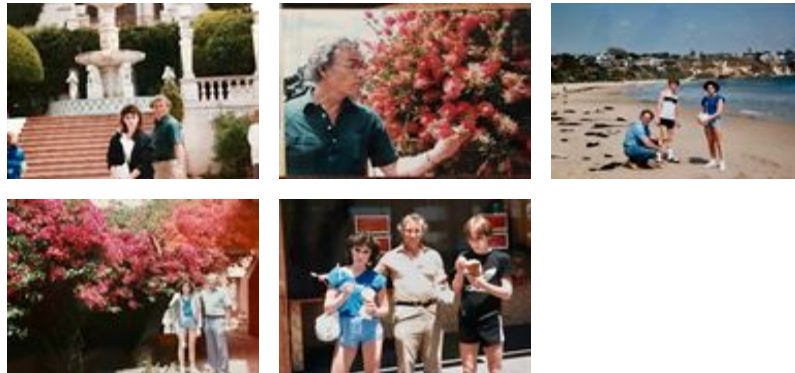
EL

“ *Del, such a fine gentleman, friendly, loving and happy person, so good at his poetry at MCC. My prayers continue for Leslie and the rest of the family in the loss of such a special person. My respects and love, Liz Lusky,*

Elizabeth Lusky - January 10, 2017 at 11:32 AM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - January 08, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *Del, the modern day Mark Twain. The master of words and purveyor of the English language. Not only was he a teacher in the classroom but in life lessons. He taught respect, patience, anger management and self control of your emotions. Del was also a gifted athlete as we won the gold medal in bowling at the National Senior Olympics in Tucson, AZ in 1997. He also bowled a 300 game in a local tournament. We travelled together each spring break for 37 years to golf in various states. He was even more fun to golf with as he would say "pick it up" or "that's good" on those 3,4, and 5 foot knee knocker putts. He had a heart of gold. Del was a best friend and is embedded in my heart and life. He will never be forgotten. God will enjoy his company, especially on the golf course, as Del says "that's good"!*

Enrico Odorico - January 07, 2017 at 08:01 AM



Well said Rico, he loved you like a brother❤️

Rhonda Turko - January 07, 2017 at 10:49 AM

RT

“ I'm overwhelmed with so many emotions of my dad's passing. I cannot quite grasp the concept he is gone and he will never hug me or my children ever again. However, it gives me great comfort that he touched countless lives in his 82 years on this earth and made such a difference to others. He lived his life to the fullest every day. My heartbreaks right now but I know my dad is at peace and his love and passion for life will live through me and my three children forever❤️



Rhonda Turko - January 07, 2017 at 05:26 AM

HM

“ I first met Del in 1966. At that time our association was on an administrative level, so my encounters were with me asking for his support for one of my programs. He was always an easy person with whom I could work. As time went on, we were friends both in school and in athletic pursuits. A funny note was that basketball often got in the way of his smoking as he would be squatting on the sidelines smoking while the game went on. It didn't matter because it was all for fun.

Del was the driving force on the student scholarship golf outing. He always loved Macomb College and freely gave of his time. Del will be missed as a scholar and a friend. His contribution to the college will long be remembered.

Peace be with you my friend.

Harry Moak

Harry Moak - January 06, 2017 at 08:05 PM

BS

“ *The first "most interesting man in the world", great fun to be around, such a full life. Leslie, my heart goes out to you and the family. I will miss so much about Del, the laughs, the serious conversations, the golf, trips, sitting having a drink, him correcting my english, so many laughs. I thank God, Rico introduced me to Del many years ago. " Be a man fer god's sake" well he definitely lived up to his Dads plea. I really believe we live for "moments" in our lives, in my mind I see many of those spent with Del.*

Bob Schroeder

Bob Schroeder - January 06, 2017 at 03:33 PM

LM

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Lorann Murphy - January 06, 2017 at 02:43 PM

CF

“ *So very sorry to learn of Del's passing. He was most certainly a pillar of what has made MCC so great! I always enjoyed his company. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this difficult time.*

Gene Guswiler

colleague and friend - January 06, 2017 at 02:25 PM

LM

“*Del, the poetry man, was a dear friend, teacher and mentor in the classroom, at the Fantasy Factory Poetry Club and in our daily lives. His heart was into helping others, always adding a smile and joke. When I told my son of his passing, he said, "He sure was a nice man." I think than sums it up.*

My husband and I had many fun times boating and traveling with Del and Annette. As we were traveling, Del always knew some interesting facts about the places we were traveling to or through. He was a living encyclopedia. My husband and I learned a lot in our travels. We also heard lots of jokes, and Del was the best at crossword puzzles, as was Annette.

Frank and I hadn't been in contact with Del and Leslie in a few years. We always meant to call and see about getting together again but never did. (Don't put off seeing friends as life throws too many hard balls, and they hit without warning.) I'm glad I did call Del when my son was in a car accident and was badly hurt. Del was very comforting and encouraging as always. Little did I know about that sneaky hard ball, and that he and Leslie would be hit in a car accident in the near future.

I will miss Del's laugh, jokes and caring ways. I'll bet he has God laughing or shaking his head, right now. Enjoy your new adventure, Del, and keep writing.

Love, Lorann Murphy

Lorann Murphy - January 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry that I do not have the literary expertise that you had. If so, I could fill this entire page with accolades befitting you. The memories will last and last.
God Bless! Steve Wenzel

Steve Wenzel - January 06, 2017 at 10:46 AM

NA

“ I was stunned and deeply saddened by this news of Del. He had been a colleague, a "co-conspirator" and a friend for nearly the entire time we were at Macomb. His sense of humor, his ability to inspire students and his creativity were what drew so many people to share his company. Whether it was a long discussion or a quick chat, it was always a pleasure to spend some time in Del's company.

Nancy Arnfield - January 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

KL

“ Del was my Macomb friend and colleague for more years than I care to remember. He will live on in my heart and the hearts of many. RIP Del.

katherine Lorenzo - January 05, 2017 at 10:07 PM

CD

“ Like Ms Sienkiewicz, I too was a member of the Fantasy Factory in the 1980's. As our Facilitator, Del Corey was generous with his time, talent and support of others in their pursuits as writers and in the world of academia. You will hear this same refrain as more of his friends and students learn of his passing. Whether it was in a brief phone call or visit, a Christmas card or invitation, Del took the precious time to remember the people he mentored. Yet in the past few years since I have actually seen him, his presence would make itself known in an old poem or book of poems residing quietly on my bookshelves and tucked meaningfully in closets and memory boxes. This, too, I know I share with hundreds of others who were tutored by our dear friend. While I know that our people never truly leave us, it will seem oddly out of place that Adelbert Corey is not sitting at home or at a booth in a dimly lit restaurant, writing his heart out. So, for me, that is where I will prefer to remember him. Most sincerely,
Connie Deckers

constance deckers - January 05, 2017 at 09:39 PM

JM

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Julie Miller - January 05, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ I'm so saddened to hear about Del's passing. He ran the bi-monthly Fantasy Factory poetry workshop at Macomb Community College, which is where I cut my teeth on poetry. He was funny, encouraging and so supportive. I credit him for teaching me the value of editing and looking for the perfect word or phrase. He was a generous teacher, and always had something good to say about everyone's work, as well as pointed (yet gentle) advice. Some evenings there would be twenty people, sometimes only four, but it didn't matter to him. He was always gracious to those who came. When I was a fledging writer, I can't tell you what it was like to read my poem and then be met with silence... I was wondering what was wrong with what I'd written, and then Del exclaimed, "This works! This metaphor works throughout!" I looked up and he was just beaming at me. I will never forget him.

Fondly,
Linda K. Sienkiewicz

Linda Sienkiewicz - January 05, 2017 at 08:23 PM



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Dale Rustoni - January 05, 2017 at 02:26 PM

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Dale Rustoni - January 05, 2017 at 02:18 PM