



Henry Conserva

March 13, 1930 - January 1, 2012

Henry Theodore Conserva Henry Theodore Conserva died on New Year's Day, 2012, a few days after suffering a stroke. He passed away in his home in San Francisco, lovingly attended by family and friends. Henry was born on March 13, 1930 in Alameda and raised in San Francisco. He was a SF State grad, and a teacher in the SFUSD for more than 30 years, teaching social studies at A.P. Giannini and McAteer schools in San Francisco. After he retired from full-time teaching, Henry substitute taught, authored many textbooks, and was a weekly volunteer at the SF State Book Sale. Henry enriched the lives of all who knew him with his passion for learning and life, his humor, and his love and devotion to family and friends. He will always be remembered and loved by his survivors: his children Philip Conserva and Alexandra Brisson, his children-in-law Thea Conserva and Bob Brisson, his grandchildren Michael, Geoffrey, Vanessa, and Trinity, his great-grandchildren Amilia, Exavier, and Annabelle, his nieces Laura Boss and Pamela Price, his children's mother and former wife, Valerie Phillips, and his many friends. Henry will be especially remembered by his three friends of seventy-six years, his brothers John Spence Weir, Rino Di Pasqua, and Bob Morrison and by their families. To the end of his life, Henry loved and cherished his wife of twenty years, Jean DeWees, who passed away in 2005. A memorial celebration of Henry's life is being planned by his family.

Tribute Wall

BK

“Mr. Conserva was a wonderful teacher. I studied journalism with him during the years 1963-1966 at A.P. Giannini. He taught our class how to persuade and how to make people laugh. He was bright, entertaining and memorable. I'm sorry to read he is gone. Fellow student Bernard Marque, who had Mr. Conserva as a homeroom teacher during those same years, also remembers him fondly for his elbow patches, his book on the California Missions and his relatability. We would appreciate information about his memorial. Bonnie.Knight@att.net.

Bonnie Knight - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“Deepest condolences to you on the loss of your father. Mr. Conserva taught me for 2 years at Giannini, nearly 40 years ago. He was a wonderful teacher, and is fondly remembered. To be in his family must have filled with humor, joy, and a passion for learning. Cherish those memories.

Elizabeth Murphy - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“I am saddened to learn of the passing of Henry. By coincidence this evening I was looking at a piece of paper from the summer of 1981 with Henry's name and Brandywine Road/San Mateo address typed on it. The list shows the 15 social studies teachers who participated in Harvard's summer Japan Institute, where I met Henry. I remember Henry well. For several years we exchanged Christmas cards and the last address I have for him was in Sonoma on Happy Lane. (I live in Lincoln, Nebraska.) For his family and friends, I am very sorry for your loss. Henry was a wonderful person and I wish that we had stayed in touch much longer.

Susan Pierce - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM