



## C. Eugene Conger

July 18, 1927 - June 6, 2017

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“Mr. Conger”

C. Eugene Conger, 89, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2017 under the care of Hospice at The Glendale. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 18, 1927 to Clarence and Dorice (Parrott) Conger. Eugene graduated from Libbey High School in 1946, where he played the saxophone in the band, was a member of the language clubs and the Junior Classical League. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served during WW II. Eugene graduated from the University of Toledo in 1952, becoming the first to major in German. He taught for the Toledo Public Schools in Science and German for 43 years, most of that time at Waite High School. Eugene also enjoyed teaching his students German folk dancing.

Known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor, his family has apologized for his gift to many a stunned individual over the years. Eugene was very interested in culture and foreign languages, and was involved in many foreign clubs in the Toledo area, including the Bavarian Club, the United Swiss Club and the GBU. Active in the German American Festival over 40 years, he started the “Hummel Look-a-like” Contest, still going to this day. He received many awards for community service with the Greater Toledo International Institute. A long time folk dancer in the US and abroad, he often went to his second home in Liechtenstein, Germany for dance. Eugene and his wife Naomi enjoyed housing many foreign exchange students over a 30 year

period.

He will be remembered for his concern for youth and education, with respect and interest in other cultures, and his quiet passion for nature conservation.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years Naomi (Lake) and son Craig (Susan) Conger. His brother Lt. Francis Lee (Marjorie) Conger also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, his younger brother Lt. Col. Myron Clair (Kay) Conger.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, June 9 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. The funeral will be held at Coyle on Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be given to the German American Festival Scholarship Fund or Nature's Nursery. The family wishes to thank all the hospitals who cared for Eugene, the staff at The Glendale and Great Lakes Caring, who made his transition to pass on comfortable, and make his legacy live on.

Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

"No substitute will ever take your place, and your final lesson plan is now in the past. We all want you to know, you were loved and respected, while being an outstanding human being and parent. You died with dignity and left a wonderful legacy for all, while living by example. Your life's lesson plans will be missed, but will continue to live on through your efforts. Thanks Dad, You have done real good, Sir!"

**"ALL CLASSES ARE NOW DISMISSED!"**

# Cemetery Details

## Ottawa Hills Memorial

4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Conger. I was a student of his at Waite High School in the late seventies. He was a wonderful educator and quite a character at times! I have fond memories of him to this day!*

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**Tina Lechman Stoner** - June 09, 2017 at 09:47 PM

DZ

“ *Naomi, Craig, and sue, your dad was a wonderful man in and out of school. he will be missed. hope to see you soon Craig. i will try to be there on sat*

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**debbie zuchowski** - June 08, 2017 at 09:33 PM

“ Eugene was a loving, humorous and one of the most generous and especially genuine people I ever had the privilege to know. He was my long-term hostfather for 35 years, ever since I stayed with Eugene ("Prinz Eugen") and Naomi in 1982 as one of their many foreign Exchange students, when they opened their home in Toledo to me for the first time.

Never forgotten will be those days when he took me to Bowsher High School in his VW-bug in the mornings during the fall of 1982, and neither will those moments we shared in recent years till just November 2016 such as our annual visits to the Toledo Zoo to enjoy the "lights" of the season, our breakfasts at the Glendale Garden Cafe or spending every single Thanksgiving day together since 2009 along with his immediate family and close friends.

Eugene was an openminded individual with a cosmopolitan spirit that became evident through our many visits to the International Institute in earlier years as well as his tight affiliation with the G.A.F.-Society and the annual festival with his legendary dog-show and his Hummel contest. He not only was a dedicated German language teacher, but also had a passion for Europe's German speaking countries and culture such as Germany, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, visiting us here in the Greater Frankfurt area several times.

Especially during my annual visits with the Congers in recent years, Eugene and myself spent a lot of "quality time" together, discussing many interesting topics of all nature, family issues and what life had brought us over the many decades since we first met when Eugene was 55 and I myself was 17. As Eugene's health progressively declined from late 2013, it was admirable to see how well he handled the situation.

Eugene along with his wife Naomi not only opened his home to me countless number of times during those past 35 years, but also opened my heart for the U.S.A. and its people as a young exchange student. He was always so positive with a smile, good for a joke anytime and especially a great host-dad for me. My personal gratitude towards Eugene is limitless, I will miss him forever !

*A good life has ended. My and my families heartfelt condolences go out to Naomi, Craig as well as the entire Conger Family. May Eugene rest in peace. Our thoughts are with you....*

*Klaus- Peter Pabst, M.D.  
Darmstadt, Germany*

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**Dr. Klaus P. Pabst** - June 08, 2017 at 06:15 PM

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“ Naomi,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Eugene always made me laugh. We had a great time dancing with the International Folk Dancers at the International Institute and all the International Festivals. They were great times and great memories and all the times we went to different places to perform and share our love of different countries' dances with others. Eugene was an integral part of that.*

*He was there to help me through the loss of my parents' and that is greatly appreciated. I am in Florida now and cannot make it to the services but will be there in spirit.*

*Laura Secord*

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**Laura Secord** - June 08, 2017 at 02:07 PM

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“ We will never forget Eugene when we moved into our home over 30 years ago. He came to our front door to welcome us to the neighborhood. He was so glad when he found out we also had children. He was like the matriarch of the neighborhood. He was so proud of his home and the way he kept it up. He always had a smile and was interested in what was going on in our life and what our now grown children were doing. I will also remember him coming down the alley and making sure it was picked up. He always waved and smiled. Rest in peace our dear neighbor we will miss you.  
Mike and Cathy Kosterman

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**Cathy Kosterman** - June 08, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ i will forever remember eugene - a gifted teacher and dancer. he truly cared for his students. it was obvious how much love he put into his career and hobbies - he had a positive impact on the young people he taught.  
a memory that always makes me smile is when he wore a big bird costume and danced around. he had such a great sense of humor.  
rest well, eugene. it was a job very well done.

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**Desi Shinavar Stroud** - June 07, 2017 at 06:35 PM