



Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos

March 27, 1933 - July 26, 2019

Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos, 86, of Iron Mountain, died July 26, 2019 at Dickinson County Healthcare System.

Ted was born in Iron Mountain on March 27, 1933, the son of the late John and Helen (Nikolis) Corombos. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1951.

Upon graduation, Ted attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1955 with a degree in communications. From 1956-1958, he served in the U.S. Army, working in cryptography.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, Ted worked in New York before returning to Michigan State, where he earned a Master's degree in English. He then taught English and drama for a year at Jackson High School in lower Michigan.

After returning to Iron Mountain, Ted designed and built an apartment complex and co-founded Dickinson Homes. He sold his share of the business a few years later and subsequently opened his own investment firm, Corombos Investment Management, Inc., which served the community for many years.

Ted married Mary Ann Nelson on May 17, 1969, at St. Mary's Orthodox

Church. They recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

In 1977, Ted was chosen to fill a vacancy on the Iron Mountain City Council. After winning three additional terms as an alderman and serving one of those terms as mayor pro-tem, he was elected Mayor of Iron Mountain in 1983.

As mayor, Ted initiated an updating of the city charter and also created a state-sponsored Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district in Iron Mountain. This paved the way for major infrastructure improvements in the city (city hall, police and fire building, public works building, water and sewer improvements, etc.) and opened up the south side of the city for significant economic development.

Upon retirement from the council, Ted served as chairman of the TIFA board for several years. He later returned to the council as an alderman from 2008-2013.

Ted was an avid reader, with a special interest in military history. During his retirement years, he personally interviewed and videotaped area World War II veterans to collect their oral histories for Iron Mountain High School. He was also active in creating an alumni newsletter for IMHS.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; sons Jon Corombos of Iron Mountain, Mark (Molly) Corombos of Oakland Township, lower Michigan, and Greg (Laura) Corombos of Woodbridge, Virginia; and grandchildren Catherine and Jack Corombos of Oakland Township and Katie and Sarah Corombos of Woodbridge.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents and his infant brother, Everett Corombos.

Visitation for Ted will be held on Tuesday, July 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a 6:00 p.m. Trisagion Service at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Another visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Fr. Mark Hagan will officiate. Pallbearers will be Peter Pappas, of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Ted's cousin and the best man at Ted's wedding; Sigurd ("Skip") Nelson of Cornville, Arizona, Ted's brother-in-law; extended family members, Dean Baldukas of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Norbert Schlidt of Brookfield, Wisconsin, and John Tanner of Lake Bluff, Illinois; and former Iron Mountain Mayor Bruce Rosen. Ted's grandson, Jack, will serve as an honorary pallbearer. Burial will take place at Cemetery Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Mary's Orthodox Church, of which Ted was a member since its founding; Samaritan's Purse (PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607); or Gigi's Playhouse Detroit (19799 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076) in honor of Ted's granddaughter Catherine. Gigi's Playhouse is a national achievement center for individuals with Down syndrome.

Condolences to the family of Ted Corombos may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I met Ted and Mary Ann on a tour of Greece in 1993 and very quickly grew to feel very fond of them both. I send much love to Mary Ann and family. Angie (UK) xx

Angie Kateley (nee Stobbs) - January 10, 2021 at 06:55 PM

PH

“ Peter, Erin, Noah and Lily Hansen purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.



Peter, Erin, Noah and Lily Hansen - July 30, 2019 at 02:41 PM

BT

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire family during this difficult time. Ted was such a selfless and caring person. I got to know him during his last run for City Council. His love for the City of Iron Mountain was so evident. When issues arose, within the city, Ted cared so much about what was happening that he was willing to invest the time and energy necessary to, first, campaign for the city council then, hold the position. This was during a time in his life when could have been relaxing/phasing back. Ted could have said, I've done enough, let someone else do what needs to done, but that was not Ted as he cared too much and wanted the City of Iron Mountain be the best it could be.*

This city has truly lost an icon who has had a positive impact on the community for too many years to count. He had such intelligence and knowledge for a great variety of issues, especially ones related to the city. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for anyone to ever fill his shoes. He will be missed for years to come.

My deepest sympathy,

Barb Toedter-Smits

Barbara Toedter-Smits - July 30, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



July 30, 2019 at 11:51 AM

ML

“ *Mary Ann.*

Sending deepest sympathy to you and your family--may you be comforted by the caring thoughts of those around you.

*Love,
Mary Jane (Peterson) Lewis*

Mary Jane Lewis - July 29, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



July 29, 2019 at 09:22 PM

HS

“Hearing the news about TJ marked one of the saddest days of my life. Ted was my oldest friend, going all the way back to Ft Monmouth in 1956 where we met as soldiers. He was always the "coolest" guy in the room and the one we all tried to emulate. The rest of us newer recruits were pretty brain washed and broken down by basic training but not TJ. He had it all in prospective which was that we were going to done with all the disciple stuff and the regular army guys who were bossing us around would still be stuck in that world. Sure saved my sanity.

Luckily we ended up stationed at the same base after that and saw each other every day. A friendship bond was formed that neither time nor distance has ever broken.

A great friend and a big influence on my life. He got me interested in the stock market to the degree that it became my career. He was just so smart and wise about so many things. And his great sense of humor. I can't think about him without smiling about something he said or did.

Honestly, when I learned about his passing, a piece of me died along with him. Part of my youth, my life and my love for a great man and great friend all went with him.

It has been and always will be an honor and privilege to be his friend.

My love and heartfelt prayers are with Mary Ann and the family.

Hank Scheinberg - July 29, 2019 at 04:34 PM

AC

“ *and the American Veterans Center purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



and the American Veterans Center - July 29, 2019 at 04:02 PM

DL

“ *Ted was a true and valued friend and I will miss him. Condolenses to Mary Ann and family. Darrell Lindholm*

Darrell Lindholm - July 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM

WW

“ *Waynetta and DC Washington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



Waynetta and DC Washington - July 29, 2019 at 12:57 PM

JJ

“ *The term 'great' is often used too freely. However, Ted was a great man. I consider myself privileged and a better person for having known him. My condolences to the family.*

Jason Julian - July 29, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



July 29, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *My Prayers and deepest sympathy to Mary Ann and your children and all who were privileged to know Ted. He was definitely a contributing leader in so many ways to this community and will be fondly remembered by many of us. As a co-founder and no doubt an investor too, of Dickinson Homes, he soon decided that was not for him. It was then in 1972 when Evo Santoni hired my late husband Harlan to take Ted's position. Knowing Ted, he would never have wanted to do all that Harlan ended up doing to help get Dickinson Homes going. Later he worked with Harlan to attempt to bring a WI business at the same location near the pit. Ted was always there to give assist whenever he could. He definitely was loyal to his school and an organizer for his 53 class reunions, even giving me a whole packet of info for our Class of 52 Fiftieth reunion. He often attended our Friday nite reunion gatherings so he could visit with old classmates from away. We have missed seeing Ted actively enjoying life this past year, but I have a feeling he is already enjoying his new life in heaven and is at peace. Keep the happy memories of a life well lived while serving others. Keeping you in prayer.*



Orice Walters - July 29, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



July 29, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *With much love, Kathy and Buddy Lux purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theodore J. "Ted" Corombos.*



With much love, Kathy and Buddy Lux - July 29, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ *Mary Ann and Corombos families, Prayers and loving thoughts are being sent to you from your relatives in Wisconsin and Illinois. Ted left a legacy of wonderful memories and contributions which will be remembered for years to come. Our thoughts are with you.*
Carol Krupke

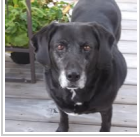
Carol Krupke - July 29, 2019 at 06:42 AM



“ *It has been a pleasure knowing you from St. Mary's Orthodox Church. You were always so kind and welcoming to my parents and I. May your memory be eternal.*



Karen Ragone - July 28, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *Mary Ann and family - I'm so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He was an intelligent man who also had a great sense of humor. I recently sent Ted a card and he called to thank me - we spoke on the phone for over an hour. He was quite the conversationalist!! He did great things for the City of Iron Mountain and will be greatly missed. May the Lord comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

Carol Bartolameolli

Carol Bartolameolli - July 28, 2019 at 02:47 PM

BT

“ *So sorry for your loss. I am going to miss the conversations that we had at times. He always greeted me with how are you doing and how is the family? His heart was always in the right place. Whenever my family had an issue Ted and the Corombos family were one of the first people to respond with a call or a card. It is sad that I now have to return my condolence to you. Ted loved this community and tried to make a difference which he did. It was an honor to have known him. Your family will be in my prayers and if I can help with anything you know where to find me. Bryan Toedter*

Bryan Toedter - July 28, 2019 at 12:17 AM

JH

TED WAS A VERY DEAR FRIEND, AND HE CERTAINLY LEFT HIS MARK ON IRON MOUNTAIN, HAVING SERVED AS A COUNCIL PERSON, MAYOR, AND BUSINESSMAN.

AS A MOUNTAINEER, SPARTAN AND FRIEND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHENEVER I RETURNED TO IRON MOUNTAIN TO VISIT MY FOLKS OR ONE OF MY 1952 CLASS REUNIONS, IT WAS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO VISIT WITH TED AS WE WALKED DOWN MEMORY TOGETHER.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE, AND MAY GOD BLESS HE AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.

JACK HAMM

JACK HAMM - July 29, 2019 at 04:35 PM