



# **Cornelius Gene "Corky" Lach Sr.**

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**C**ornelius Gene "Corky" Lach, Sr. age 87, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Trinity Health Hospital Muskegon. He was born May 10, 1937, in Grand Haven to Peter and Sophia (Zmuda) Lach. He married Karen Beckering on August 31, 1957, in Grand Haven. She preceded him in death on March 10, 2017.

Corky served his country in the Army. He was a longtime faithful member of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28 in Grand Haven. Corky worked for close to fifty years at Johnston Boiler, retiring as a boiler engineer. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, camping and traveling.

He is lovingly remembered by his three daughters: Elizabeth "Beth" (Jancer) Shelton, Michelle Tharp, and Debra (Mark) Dressel; his son, Cornelius "Corey" Lach, Jr.; six grandchildren: Byron (Jessica) Larson, Brandon (Heather) Dressel, Kayla Hogan, Eric Dressel, Cody Hogan, and Justin Dressel; five great-grandchildren: Anzlee, Eli, Porter, Ashton, and Elliot; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his six sisters and three brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2024, at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Catholic Church with Rev. Dan Schumaker as celebrant, and military honors provided by The Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28 Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the Mass at church. Interment will be in Lake Forest cemetery. Memorials to St. Patrick – St. Anthony Catholic Church are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).




## Events

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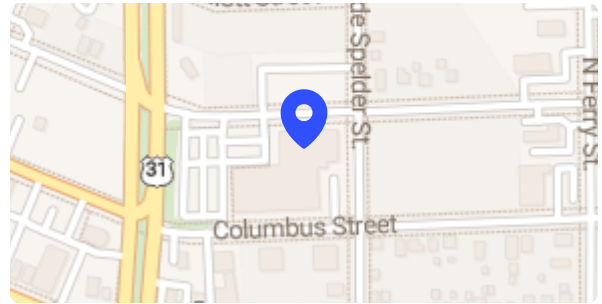
### Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, July 11, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Patrick Church of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Parish**

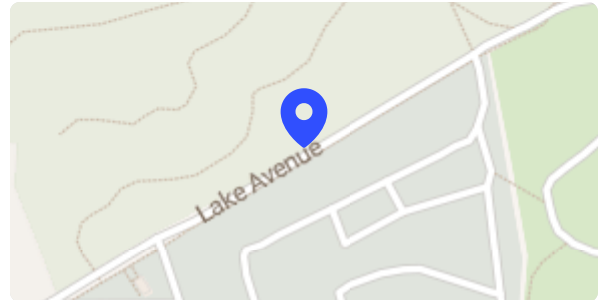
920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven MI 49417



### Cemetery Details

 **Lake Forest Cemetery**

1304 Lake Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417





## Tribute Wall

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BS

**Bill Seeley** posted:

I only knew Corky about 3 years but we became really great friends. I really enjoyed talking with him about his life and especially fishing . We had a lot of talks about fishing. I learned so much from him about this area. I believe he lived his life the way he wanted to , he even went skydiving, I was amazed when he told me about that . I will miss my dear friend.

July 9 at 8:27 AM

KH

**Kay Hammond** posted:

Sorry to hear of Corky's passing. He was a super friend and neighbor to my husband Charley Hammond. I came to know him through Charley and became a friend of mine. May God be with the family. I live in N.C. now.

July 5 at 1:02 PM

MG

**Maggie Gutowsky** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lach family.



July 5 at 4:11 AM

MG

**Maggie Gutowsky** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Cornelius.



July 5 at 4:11 AM

LG

**Lisa Gant** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lach family.



July 5 at 3:59 AM

LG

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July 5 at 3:59 AM



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**Robert Vander Heiden** posted:

I met Corky through work in the late 80's. That lead to a great personal friendship with him and Karen. My life path led me back to my birth home in Wisconsin and I will be unable to attend the service on the 11th. My thoughts and prayers go out to Corky and his entire family. He was a great person who will be missed.

July 4 at 8:38 AM



**Joyce Koster** lit a candle in honor of Cornelius.



July 4 at 6:29 AM



**Joanne Rugar** posted:

Gary and Joanne wish all of you sympathy and prayers. He worked at Johnston Boilers with Victor Rugar for many years.

July 4 at 4:19 AM



**Barbara Wessel** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Beth, Shelly, Debbie, Corky and the grandchildren. Your dad was one of a kind, in the best way! ❤️ With love, Peter and Barbara Wessel

July 3 at 7:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Lach family.



July 3 at 4:05 PM



**Liza D.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Cornelius.



July 3 at 4:05 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Cornelius by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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