



## Tom "T.C." Conole

November 4, 1941 - June 9, 2025

Albany, NY — Tom “T.C.” Conole passed away on June 9, 2025. T.C. was born in Binghamton, New York, on November 4, 1941, to Dr. Frank D. Conole and Mary Frances Conole, who predecease him.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Conole; his daughters, Kathleen “Kelly” Conole Sweeney (John), and Kimberly Conole O’Brien (Jay); his siblings Kathleen Reynolds, Mary Frances Joynes (John), Chuck Conole, Bill Conole (Patricia), Bibbie Withers (Dennis), Connie Carey (Tim), and Colleen Fitzsimmons (John); his four beloved grandchildren Eoghan Sweeney, Maeve O’Brien, Keelin O’Brien, and Meaghan O’Brien; and his many nieces and nephews that he adored.

T.C. graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1963 and then went on to get a Master of Criminal Law from the New England School of Law and a Juris Doctorate from New York University. He was then an attorney for the state of New York, and upon retirement, he returned to work as a law guardian for Albany Family Court.

One of the greatest joys in T.C.’s life was cheering on his grandchildren, especially from the sidelines of countless lacrosse games. Rain or shine, he could be found in the stands shouting encouragement for all to hear. His love for his grandkids was boundless, and their athletic pursuits brought him

endless happiness and connection. When he wasn't at a game, he could often be spotted on his daily walks through the neighborhood. That same unwavering spirit carried into his loyalty to his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, whose Fighting Irish football team he followed with lifelong pride. Saturdays in the fall were reserved for watching the game, often surrounded by family and clad in blue and gold, cheering just as loudly as he did on the lacrosse sidelines.

Go Irish!

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with T.C.'s family Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208. His Funeral Mass will follow at 2:00 pm

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity dear to your heart.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dear Chuck, Father Fred mentioned at mass tonight that your brother had passed away...we're so sorry to hear this and send our deepest sympathy to you and to your brother's family. May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss.  
God Bless,  
Shelly and Al Polge  
Syracuse, New York



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**Shelly and Al Polge** - June 28, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CT

“ Tom was on the ticket in 1973 with my dad Carl Touhey where we almost best The Machine!

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**charles touhey** - June 19, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CI

“ Our love and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. It seems like only yesterday that we were first getting to know each other and were involved in all those school activities. Those are memories we will carry forever. Your doors were always open and welcoming thanks to you and Tom.  
Our Love, Buddy and Tina Irwin

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**Christine Irwin** - June 17, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MD

“ Hey Jane,  
Let me first send you and your family my condolences on hearing Tom's passing. Tom was a friend of mine as you know, and I will miss him. He was a true character in the best sense of the word. While Tim was never adverse to striking the occasional discordant note, more often than not it was more memorable than what was said to illicit his response and always more humorous. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him at Albany County Family Court where Tom played an intergal part in helping young people navigate through the complex legal system they found themselves exposed to. He helped many people and there is no better epitaph than that. Tom and I had many interesting conversations throughout the years and more laughs than I can count. I will truly miss him . RIP Tom and Up the Rebels. ( Say hi to my parents up there)

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**Mark Duncan** - June 17, 2025 at 10:58 AM

BK

“ Bill, Pat, Francis and Kevin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tom "T.C." Conole.



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**Bill, Pat, Francis and Kevin** - June 17, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ Tom was a former political colleague but as we moved along in life we separated our ideology but remained friends for life.  
Jane and Aleda shared motherhood when they lived on Hawthorne Ave and Tom always enjoyed the joy of parenting.  
I affectionately called Tom Albany’s’ Walking Ambassador as he walked everyday from his house to Downtown to work.  
His big smile and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by all.  
John & Aleda Graziano

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john graziano sr - June 16, 2025 at 08:28 PM

WD

“ I had the distinct honor and privilege to have Tom appear in my court room at Family Court at least 1,000 times or more as he represented the children of our community for many years.

*Tom had a calming demeanor in court that could diffuse the most tense situations while remaining focused on protecting the best interest of the child.*

*There are thousands of children, now mostly adults, whose lives were put on the right track because of the legal representation that Tom provided for them in Family Court.*

*Tom was well liked and well respected by the entire Family Court Bar of the Capital District. The phrase “a gentleman and a scholar” was invented for Tom Conole.*

*Go Irish!*

*W. Dennis Duggan  
Albany County Family Court Judge, ret.  
Notre Dame, 1971*

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W Dennis Duggan - June 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

BT

*Blest to have had a loving big brother like Tom. Growing up, Tom and I shared a bedroom. During those years, Tom gently guided me with his intelligence and Irish wit. He inspired me with his love of poetry, books and ND sports. Many nights I listened in awe, as Tom recited poetry, GK Chesterton's "Father Brown Mysteries," and laughed as he read "The Catcher in the Rye" and "Mad Magazine." When I followed Tom to Notre Dame in 63', his advise helped me by providing a roadmap for my freshman year. In all our years together, never received a harsh or mean word from Tom. When I was in trouble, Tom was the first person to offer help and when I received good news, he was the first person I called to celebrate. Thank you Tom for all the love, humor and goodness you shared with me.*

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**Bill Conole (brother of Tom)** - June 17, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BB

*“ I was so sorry to read of Tom's passing. I remember him as a very pleasant and interesting person to talk with.*

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**Bob Brand** - June 15, 2025 at 07:07 PM

PS

*“ Jane and family,*

*Betsy and I were saddened to learn of Tom's passing. It was always fun to see him. Tom always had a story to tell laced with his fine sense of humor.*

*We will say a special prayer for him....and for you and yours.*

*Paul Sullivan*

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**Paul Sullivan** - June 13, 2025 at 10:56 AM

EP

*Jane: so sorry for your loss! Life can be trying. Stay the course! You are in my prayers*

*Evelyn Pitt*

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**Evelyn Pitt** - June 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

GH

*I met Tom when he started working in Albany Co. Family Court. Tom was one of the first people that I would seek out on a daily basis because he always had such a nice way about him & was always quick with a funny joke. The last few years I would run into Tom on a frequent basis at the grocery store. It was always great to see him because of the nice easy way he treated people. Always adding a funny anecdote during the conversations. He will be sorely missed by everybody that knew him. He was quite the guy.*

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**george hakimian** - June 16, 2025 at 02:58 PM

MA

*Dear Jane, I just read of Tom's passing. I am so very sorry. I will hold you in my heart. Marianne Abry*

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**Marianne Abry** - October 03, 2025 at 08:49 PM