



Ralph W. Coho,

June 14, 2012

Ralph W. “Buzz” Coho, Jr., 97, of Willow Street, PA died at his home on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Born on the 4th of July in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Ralph W. and Lillie Eby Coho. He was married 48 years to the late Jean H. Coho who died in 1985.

Buzz graduated from Lancaster Boy’s High School, Class of ’32. He worked at Westwood Colliery, Inc. from 1937-1958 and served as the president of the company from 1941 to 1958. He retired from Daffin Corporation as a Vice President and General Manager and also worked for Armstrong Cork Co. and was a founder of Lancaster-Lincoln Mercury.

A long time Rotarian, he joined Rotary in 1934 as one of the youngest members of the Lancaster Rotary Club at age 19. Known to many in Lancaster as Mr. Rotary, he held numerous Chapter and District Titles over the years, and was instrumental in founding 11 of the 48 Rotary Chapters in District 7390, starting with the Lancaster Northeast Club in 1954 and still attended meetings at two – Lancaster Sunrise and Lancaster South – weekly. A flagpole was installed in his name at Manheim Township Public Library in 2010 at Overlook Park. His motto was to live by the Rotary 4-Way test. He was a member of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and was a member of consistory. He founded the St. Peter’s Endowment Fund and served on the committee and was a host at the church

for many years.

Buzz is survived by his son; Kenneth F. Coho of Copperopolis, CA; a grandson; Kenneth F. Coho, Jr. of Sacramento, CA. He was preceded in death by two brothers: James P. Coho and Frank E. Coho.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Memorial Service on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 816 Buchanan Avenue, Lancaster with the Rev. Bonnie Hollinger officiating. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ralph's name to the Endowment Fund at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 815 Buchanan Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph W. Coho,*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I got to know Ralph (as I called him) as Community Development Director at PPL Electric Utilities when he served on one of our community boards. Such a gentleman, through and through, but always with a twinkle in his eye. We exchanged Christmas cards and occasional notes after I moved to Camp Hill, PA, and when none arrived this year, I feared we had lost him. I'll miss you Ralph, and your gentle attempts to educate me about all things Rotary and other life lessons.*

Kathleen Wildauer - January 02, 2013 at 07:14 AM

PC

“ I have known Buzz Coho for many years through our connections in Rotary. He was a most kind and thoughtful man who truly represented Service Above Self.

If ever there was a Club Builder and extender it was Buzz. As one of his last club building/extension efforts, he greatly helped in getting started the Carlisle Sunrise Club and his early leadership led to this club being one of the most vibrant new clubs in District 7390.

He generously contributed to the Rotary Foundation throughout his 78 years in Rotary. He was the first recipient of the District 7390 Lifetime Achievement award, and he personifies what this prestigious award stands for. He will always remain the standard by which future selectees are judged.

Thank you Buzz for your exemplary Leadership In Service. We will not forget you and what you did for Rotary. Be thou at peace.

PDG Alden Cunningham - June 18, 2012 at 11:32 PM

DA

“ It is with great sorrow that I read of Buzz's passing. I have know "Mr. Rotary" for years through Rotary and greatly enjoyed our friendship. He was truly one of the most inspirational gentleman I've ever known. His actions spoke louder than his words and his life should be and example to all. Rest in peace Buzz. You will be missed. D-

David L. Ashworth - June 16, 2012 at 12:59 AM