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Harry Fior, age 84, of Amherst, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Amherst Hospital.

Harry was born on March 2, 1927 in Lorain, Ohio to the late Anthony D. and Frances (nee Nowicki) Fior. He was a 1944 graduate of Lorain High School where he was a member of the football team. His 1943 undefeated team was inducted into the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame in 1974.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on April 10, 1945 and served as a Seaman First Class and was honorably discharged on August 23, 1946.

After his discharge from the U.S. Navy he graduated with honors from the Chicago Technical School where he studied estimating and contracting.

In 1949 he started his own construction business, H. Fior General Contractor Inc., his company built and renovated numerous buildings in Lorain County. His first project was the I.A.V. and his company went on to build several Meyer Goldberg Grocery Stores, Ridge Tool, Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Amherst St. Joseph Social Hall, Lakeview Beach Boardwalk, Germans Villa, Lorain Public Library, Lorain County Veterans Park, Huron Post Office and numerous banks and physicians offices.

He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Amherst, Knights of Columbus, I.A.V., P.L.A.V., Noon Day- Amherst and the Oberlin Golf Club. He served as the youngest president of the Carpenters Union Local 705 and was instrumental in starting a pension for the Carpenter Union. He sponsored several golf and softball teams in Amherst.

Harry loved spending time at his cabin in Tidioute, PA with his family and friends. He also enjoyed playing golf, bowling and his dog.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Phyllis (nee Pienoski) Fior; Son, Gregory H. (Cathy), of Amherst; daughters, Rene F. (Chuck) Corne, of Landrum, South Carolina,



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Cynthia (Bill) VanDerweerd, of Amherst, Barbara (Steve) Bialko, of Amherst, Felicia (Bill) Fior-Nosseck, of Huron and Dominique (Rick) Sorbo, of Lorain; grandchildren, Matthew, Natalie and Anthony Fior, Justin and Nicholas Hopkins and Christopher and Alex Bialko; 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Dolores (Leo) Bascone, of Lorain. He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brothers, Raymond and Eugene Fior.

The Fior family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral and Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Closing prayers will be said on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral center followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Amherst, 200 St. Joseph Drive. Rev. Fr. Lawrence Martello, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain. The family suggest donations be made in his name to St. Joseph School for the education of students.

Online condolences may be left for the Fior Family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 21, 2011

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



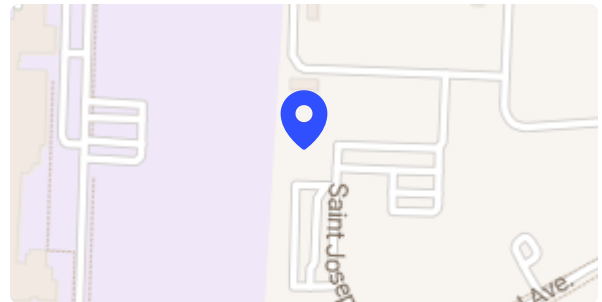
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, June 22, 2011

 11:30 PM ET

 **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst OH 44001





Tribute Wall

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AO

Anne Jacobs - Avon Ohio, Oh posted:

Dear Greg and Cathy, I know it's been nearly a year since your father went to be with the Lord. I wanted to let you know that you and your mom have been in my prayers. Your dad was a great man and I know you miss him everyday.

May 23 at 8:00 PM

MN

Michelle Turner - Grand Haven, Mi - Friend And Next Door Neighbor posted:

i was looking for your number to call you and saw that Harry had passed away. I am so very sorry for your loss. Please convey my sentiments to your family. I think that Harry and my Dad are probably hooting it up. I just hope it doesn't involve fire crackers this time! Love, Michelle

August 16 at 8:00 PM

CR

Cathy Millwood - Lake Lanier, Sc - Close Friend Of Rene' posted:

My deepest sympathy to all of you. Rene' and I have been close ever since she and Chuck moved to the house in Duncan. Charles and my father were brothers. My son, JW spent a week at Tidute (sp) when he was 10 years old. I have pictures. He had a wonderful time. I am so very sorry for your loss. Both Chuck and Rene' were there for me when I lost my Daddy in 1980. They were there when I had cancer the first time in '93, and when I lost my husband with cancer in 2002. Now we both are ill again and a great comfort to each other. I have your family in my thoughts and prayers each day. May God be with you and hold you in the palm of his hand. With Love, Cathy Millwood

July 12 at 8:00 PM

TN

Tim Lloyd - Smyrna, Tn - Ex-Neighbor posted:

To the Fior Family, I just heard today of Harry's passing. My condolences to all of you! I still remember him coming over and playing catch with me on many evenings when I played little league baseball and all those trips down to Hastee Tastee for an ice cream cone. Beth & I drove up a couple years ago for a trip to Cedar Point. We spent a Friday afternoon talking to Harry & Phyllis and so glad we got to spend that quality time with both. I agree with all the other kind posts and thinking back, he always took time out and always made me feel special. He was a special type of man... Rare! I'm sure he's up in heaven with our mother smiling, as always. Tim & Dena Lloyd

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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LF

Linda Blanton-Davis - Friend posted:

Mr Fior was a "people person". He met ordinary people and made them feel respected. I thank him for the oppportunity of meeting such a person. RIP Mr Fior. My condolences and sympathy are extended to your family..

June 21 at 8:00 PM

TF

The Lampiasi Family - Stephen, Tanya, Olivia, Isabella & Rocco - Geneva, Il - Friends posted:

Dear Mrs. Fior & Family, We send our deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr. Fior. Growing up Mr. Fior was like my second dad. He was a kind, wonderful and loving man. When I think of Mr. Fior, I think of a big, huggable teddy bear. I'll always remember him with a smile on his face and Lucky by his side. I cherish all the memories of the trips to Tidioute, canoe rides and camp fires. Such good times! Thanks for all the wonderful memories. I'm so glad we were able to see you both over Easter. We are heartbroken that we can't be there with you, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. All our love, Tanya, Stephen, Olivia, Isabella & Rocco

June 21 at 8:00 PM

CN

Cathy Bascone Stitak - Lorain, Oh - Niece posted:

Dear Uncle Harry, Thanks for being such a loving big brother to my mom. She loves you so much and it's hard to see how very sad she is. I'll miss hearing your voice, your contagious laughter and especially your sweet, sweet smile! With heartfelt love, Cash

June 20 at 8:00 PM

MF

Mike Griffith - Sheffield Village, Oh - Friend Of Family posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Fior family at this very sad time. Mike Griffith & Family

June 20 at 8:00 PM

JD

Jon And Lois Crouch - Co Workers Of Rick And Dominique posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are thinking of you

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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TF

Thomas Resar - Elyria, Oh - Friend posted:

Greg, sorry to here about your dad. I always enjoyed talking to him and respected him as a friend and a very competative fellow contractor. I am sorry I can not make it to the funeral home but my prayers are with you and your family. I will miss him ,but I have many good memories.

June 20 at 8:00 PM

LF

Lesley - Friend posted:

I only spent a few weeks with you and your family Mr Fior but the time I did I was treated as family I have some memories few yes but none the less . I am very shocked to see that you are gone . Thanks to all the Fior"s (MA) included for letting me care for you

June 20 at 8:00 PM

DR

Diana Innocenti-Shaffer - Strongsville, Oh - Relative posted:

Dear Fior family. I was glad to see Uncle Harry at my dads funeral so I could thank him for visiting with my dad. I have alot of memories of coming to your house and, always having good times. I am sure that Uncle Harry, my dad and, all the Pennsylvania relatives are having a good time being together. I regret to say that although I had planned on coming to the visitation this evening. My car is in need of repair. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hope to keep ;in touch. love Diana

June 20 at 8:00 PM

ON

Olga & George Kamoutsis - Amherst, Oh - Friend & Neighbor posted:

Dear Phyllis & family, Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband Harry. He was our dear friend and the best neighbor a person could have. May the family find comfort in knowing that we care about your family at this difficult time. We are sorry we cannot be there as we are out of town. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Peace & Love, Olga & George Kamoutsis

June 20 at 8:00 PM

JA

Jeff& Tammy Abahazi posted:

Our hearts go out to the entire Fior Family during this difficult time. We will keep you all in prayer. God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference!

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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TF

Terry Murello - Avon Lake, Oh - Friend posted:

I played golf in the IAV League on Harry's team back in the 90's. We always had a good time. I know he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

June 20 at 8:00 PM

CC

Carol Drexler - Lorain, Oh - First Cousin posted:

Sorry hear about Harry. I can't make it to see him at funeral it is to far for me to walk. If it was closer I can make it. I have another app't I have make it is important to me. So I keep Harry in my prayers.

June 19 at 8:00 PM

JW

John, Kathy, Mitch & Will Sroka - Worthington, Oh posted:

Our hearts go out to the entire Fior family in your time of loss. You will remail in our prayers.

June 19 at 8:00 PM

BD

Bobbi - Daughter posted:

Love you dad. You will be missed terribly. You won't have to ask what channel the Indians game is on anymore....you'll have a birdseye view and just maybe you could be an angel in the outfield for them. Thanks for all that you have been to me. You were the best father a daughter could ever ask for.LoveBobbi

June 18 at 8:00 PM

SI

Steve Bialko - Son In Law posted:

Poppy,The ball game is just starting. It's not over yet!Thanks for always being there for me.Tonight your in the arms of the Angels...May you find some comfort there.Stevie

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SG

Sean Muir - Oberlin, Oh - Wanna-Be Grandson posted:

Poppy Fior was an great man, carpenter, and mentor. When I think about him I think about three separate occasions. Number one was back when his daughter, Bobby Bialko, took us to his construction company shop and he showed us how to make a step stool. He appeared to be loving to teach us the finer art or carpentry and passing down his knowledge to us. The next time I think of is when Alex Bialko (his grandson) and I went over to do some yard-work for him a few years back. He was outside the whole time we were working, showing us little tips and tricks that he had picked up from his 60 some years in the construction business.Finally I think about when I went with the Bialko's to his house to celebrate his birthday a little more than a year ago. He was so happy to have his family there to celebrate with. Even though I wasn't family he made me feel right at home.I wish I was able to come pay my respects to you Poppy, I'll be thinking about you and my heart is there with your family.

June 18 at 8:00 PM

WF

Wally Ermi - Friend Of The Family posted:

It's all that is shared over the years that makes someone so very special. My deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers go out to everyone.God Bless...

June 18 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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