



Clement "Clem" L. Corona

June 17, 1935 - December 29, 2024

Clement Louis Corona, born June 17, 1935 in Berwick, Pennsylvania, died on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at Trinity Hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 89. Clem attended the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, where he met his wife of 67 years, Janet Hammer Corona. He went on to become a longtime teacher, school administrator, athletic director, coach, and citizen of Saline, Michigan. A humble man, Clem was the last to sing his own praises, even as he was a positive influence to many.

He leaves behind a legacy of children: Joseph (Lori) Corona, Tony (Tammy) Corona, Catherine (Barry) Hahn, and John (Georgetta) Corona.

Grandchildren: Carolyn, Michael, Joy, and Lily Corona; Lauren Johnson, Sophie and Francis Corona; Noah, Samuel, and Clara Hahn; Gino and Rocco Corona. Great-grandchildren: James, Henrik, and Clementine Johnson; Phoebe Hahn; Esther and Miriam Kaplowitz Hahn. All of whom thank him for his dedication and devotion to his family.

May God rest his soul.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, January 3, 2025 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. with Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. Burial will follow the service and will take place in the Lodi Township Cemetery in Saline. A luncheon at the Church will be held following

the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Church, St. Andrew Catholic School, or to the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Envelopes will be available at the Church. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by visiting the Church's YouTube Channel <https://youtube.com/live/5gisBLO-Gr0?feature=share> To leave a memory you have of Clem, to sign his online guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Backup Link For YouTube Stream

<https://youtube.com/live/YIVto9j7Onk?feature=share>

Cemetery Details

Lodi Township Cemetery

Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline
Road
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Dr
Saline, MI 48176-1157
(734) 429-5210

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Dr
Saline, MI 48176-1157
(734) 429-5210

Luncheon

JAN 3. 12:40 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Dr
Saline, MI 48176-1157
(734) 429-5210

Graveside Service

JAN 3. 12:50 PM (ET)

Lodi Township Cemetery
Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline Road
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestream will start at around 11:15 A.M. in memory of Clement "Clem" L. Corona



Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM



Joe, your comment about your dad telling the angels they need a haircut was spot on and brought a smile to my face. You did a good job talking about your dad.

Carter Bishop - January 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ My condolences to Mr. Corona's family and friends. I was a high school student at Saline High and I remember him as tough but fair. I appreciate him and can only imagine how many students he helped over the years - I am one of them and my life is better because of him. I am sorry for your loss.

Don Campbell - January 04, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JB

“ Sorry for the loss of Clem Corona. My cherished memories are during the summer recreation programs. He would take us to Tappan pool to swim and later to the pool in Clinton. I remember him working on diving in with me. He would launch my feet off his hands from the deep end of the Tappan pool (no issue for him given his strength). In pre teen to early teen years Tim Slepsky and I took golf lessons with a group from him at Brookside (the back end closer to the gravel pit entrance area.... Now all homes). As we progressed it evolved to a league where we sometimes played Rustic Glen Golf Course and Brookside. He was most known for tough love discipline by the majority of students at school and for good coaching by some fortunate athletes. I appreciated the swimming and golf learning I received from him. I also appreciate Mr. Corona maintaining the peace needed to take advantage of the great education we received in Saline Area Schools.
- Joe Barrett class of 1974

Joe Barrett - January 04, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CA

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Mr Corona’s passing. Attached are my strategy notes from the state golf tournament in 1998, with Coach Corona’s feedback in red. The final note at the bottom was great for me to hear as part of my golf mental game but could really be applied to anything in life: “focus on one thing at a time....if it works, good. If not, forget it! If you’re confident, I’m confident”. Rest in Peace, Mr Corona! You will be missed. Praying for the family during this difficult time.



Carrie - January 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JC

“ My prayers are with the Corona family during this time. Mr. Corona was my high school golf coach and father to one of my best friends. He was the most influential leader and mentor during some of my most formative years. He taught me about integrity, the importance of doing things right, and the consequences when I would screw up. You could say he taught me a lot about how to be a good parent. Long after high school, I knew I could call Mr. Corona for advice. He always delivered. I have so much respect for the Corona family. Mr. Corona, you will be missed by many!

Joe Chase - January 03, 2025 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ On behalf of the Saline High School golf community, the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association and myself personally, our deepest sympathies to the Corona family. Clem is a legend in Saline golf and represented everything that all of us as coaches and people strive to emulate. Thoughts, prayers and love.

Debbie Williams-Hoak - January 03, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DW

“ Debbie Williams-Hoak lit a candle in memory of Clement "Clem" L. Corona



Debbie Williams-Hoak - January 03, 2025 at 09:48 AM

LR

“ My sincere condolences to Clem’s wife Janet, extended family and friends during this difficult time. I’ll always have great memories of playing golf with Clem in the Friday league he started at Brookside. His trademark cigar box, a few cold beers and always great stories and laughs. He will be dearly missed by those who had the pleasure to know him. 🏌️🍷🍷

Lance Rowe

Lance Rowe - January 02, 2025 at 08:41 PM

TM

“ In my sophomore year, the fall of 1970, I lettered in Cross Country. That spring I wanted to tryout for the golf team. Mr. Corona was the Athletic Director and the Golf Coach. He caught me in the hallway and asked me why I was going out for the golf team. I said I wanted to learn to play better golf. He looked at me and very matter-of-factly said, “you’re my two miler” and he walked away. So I ran track. I have thought of this “conversation” many times over the years, because Thanks to Mr. Corona, I’m a runner to this day. Tom Mikesell

Thomas W Mikesell - January 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM

DG

“ I didn’t fully appreciate Mr. Corona as a student, as an adult I have nothing but respect and admiration for the man. Saline Schools and the town in general are better for his efforts. Tough and fair. Sympathy to the Corona family, he was truly one of a kind.



Class of 1976

David Gailbreath - January 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TF

“ *As much as I resisted, he instilled a great sense of respect and appreciation in him and SHS. Good job Clem!*

Thomas Flook - January 02, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CD

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Corona's passing. He garnered nothing but respect. May he rest in peace.*

Christine Dotson - January 02, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ *My memories of Grandpa:
Grandpa's golf camp
Gnocchi. Meatballs. Making sauce
The garden
Stopping for a grape Fanta after golf at Lodi and then coming home for a banana split.
Tasty kakes brought home from trips to Berwick.
Jimmy Buffett. Paul Simon. Bobby Darin.
Michigan football
Sucking on Halls cough drops during mass. Getting to leave with him after communion to get the car (until the priest announced his distaste for this).
Card tricks and card games like casino, o hell, and cribbage
Pride for the Italian motherland
Darts, bowling, golf, cornhole, pool-whatever it was he could consistently get a bullseye every time
Love for his family. What a blessing to get to see that with my kids too.*

Lauren Corona Johnson - January 01, 2025 at 11:22 PM

TG

“ Very sorry to hear this. My sincere condolences to the entire Corona family. I had way too many visits to his office in HS, but never once did I walk out without more respect for him than I walked in with. Years later, we crossed paths and I thought there was no way he'd remember me, but instead made a bee line, wanting to check in and see how things were going. Very thankful for this man and the lessons he taught me.

Todd Gross - January 01, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BK

“ I was honored to play football in the 60's under Mr. Corona, they they don't make people like him anymore. I was happy to know him. My heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Sincerely Bo Klein

Bo Klein - January 01, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to learn of this, Jan. I was fortunate to be a teacher at the high school when Clem was an assistant principal and athletic director. I had such immense respect for him and I also learned a great deal from him. My prayers are with you and the rest of your family.

Daneen Mabley - January 01, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LS

“ Clem saved many a troubled youth. Both feared and respected. Sorry to the Corona family for this great loss. Lonnie Sibson. Class of '81

Lonnie Sibson - January 01, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sad news and a big loss for the Saline community. Nothing but complete respect for this good man. Prayers for the Corona family.*

Class of 1977

Carter Bishop - January 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Corona was a terrific teacher. I learned math n history from him, one of my favorite teachers. He always clicked his pen, a fond memory. He was the best.*

Janis Coe - January 01, 2025 at 11:20 AM

GK

“ *sad to hear of mr. corona's passing, back in the 70's when slow pitch softball was popular, our team decided we would practice on the football field (old high school now) clem was driving by and told us it would not be a good idea for us to do this.. we said clem we have gerry feeman and ron feeman and ron james on our team,your former players, could you cut us a deal. he said no so we left on good terms because he was making sure his football field didn't get tore up.. his name is on the archway of the field now (clem corona complex) r.i.p. mr. corona gary kangas*

gary kangas - January 01, 2025 at 10:09 AM

AM

Clem Corona seemed to always take the "bad wrap" from many. I was a kinda shy kid, and not a trouble maker, so he and I got along just fine. I will never forget my fondest memory of him. It was when he had been chasing Jeff Erskine around the school (in our Senior movie in 1973) . Jeff escapes the school, and whistles for a taxi. The taxi pulls up, Jeff hops inside, Clem us the driver, he turns around and smiles, and they drive off into the sunset. God rest his soul.

Allen Miracle - January 01, 2025 at 11:28 AM

KZ

In high school I didn't know Mr. Corona - I was too shy to get into much trouble. I wonder how he felt about one of his main duties being helping students in trouble get back on track! Probably not an enviable job. I was looking at the picture on the obituary, full of love in his eyes, and I can imagine he's getting his praise upstairs as well as down here for such a legendary career and great life. My husband is new to the U.S., and as I bought him some beer at the grocery store - the Corona brand was new to him - I recalled how in my grade some classmates had been known to wear a Corona Beer T-shirt after getting in trouble with Saline HS's Corona. And how he did in fact make those guys take it off. In fact, what kids need to learn before anything else is respect. It was always comforting to know there was someone who cared, teaching it.

Katherine Zhang, class of 97

Katherine Zhang - January 04, 2025 at 04:41 PM

WB

“ *Remembering some good times with clem on past golf trips .
He a great man who did a lot for saline schools and the community.
God bless you clem and bless your family*

William F Bracey - January 01, 2025 at 09:00 AM

CC

“ *When my family moved to Saline, the Corona family were our neighbors and made us feel welcome. One of my first friends was Cathy Corona. Mr. Corona helped the school district by being very clear about what behavior is acceptable and what is not. I hope that the other former students who wrote nice memories of him and the family will copy their memories from Facebook and post them here. Deepest condolences to the family. Colleen Crossey.*

Colleen Crossey - January 01, 2025 at 03:43 AM

WA

“ Mr. Corona was a great teacher and football coach. During my senior year, 1962-63, he was our Line Coach. It was with his respect for the game and knowing how to get the best performance from his players, that we ended up the season, undefeated and conference champions! It was amazing! I learned from Coach Corona, that you needed to work hard to earn respect from others. I will always remember him with great respect.
God bless the Corona family

Wes Armbruster

Wes Armbruster - December 31, 2024 at 08:16 PM

 Dan
Arend

“ Always liked Mr. Corona. Did his job well...and I had a few visits to his office. Rest in peace

Dan Arend - December 31, 2024 at 05:02 PM

DC

“ Sad to hear of Mr. Coronas passing. He always treated people fairly and with dignity. He did his level best to teach me how to play golf. Great teacher. My sympathies to the entire Family.
Doug Crosbie.

Doug Crosbie - December 31, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JE

“ Joe Eadie lit a candle in memory of Clement
"Clem" L. Corona



Joe Eadie - December 31, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JE

“ Sad to learn of Mr. Corona's passing. He was my football coach, and a man who was fair and sometimes feared, but always respected. Firm, but fair. My condolences to his family. R.I.P. coach.

Joe Eadie - December 31, 2024 at 04:45 PM

W1

“ I'll always remember “coach” Corona and the way he taught me to be a football lineman from 1959 to 1961. Also remember babysitting for his children. A tough coach and a good guy.

Walter R Keck-Saline 1961 - December 31, 2024 at 04:38 PM

CN

“ Claire Neff lit a candle in memory of Clement "Clem" L. Corona



Claire Neff - December 31, 2024 at 03:52 PM

RP

“ Dear Janet and Family,
You and Clem are two of the "regulars" at Sunday 11:30 am Mass, always smiling and greeting people.
May the Good Lord welcome Clem to a place of light, happiness and peace forever.
God Bless You.
Fr. Mike

Rev. Mike Petroski - December 31, 2024 at 03:49 PM

RP

“ Rev. Mike Petroski lit a candle in memory of
Clement "Clem" L. Corona



Rev. Mike Petroski - December 31, 2024 at 03:45 PM

S1

Will always remember our senior trip to Denver, found the strict teacher was really a teddy bear that would do anything for his students. He will be truly missed.

Sue Heusel, Class of 1969 - January 02, 2025 at 12:44 PM

S1

Mr. Corona was the assistant principal during my high school years (in what is now Liberty School). I must admit I made several trips to visit Mr. Corona in his office. During my many visits to his office I experienced both the stern disciplinarian and the quiet mentor. On more than one occasion he would implore me to calm down and let him handle my problem. I told my wife Anne about my many visits to the assistant principal's office during my four years in high school. Fast forward several decades and Anne and I attended the Foundation For Saline Area Schools Hall of Fame banquet when he was being honored. After the program I waited as he spoke with several well wishers and as we waited I said to Anne, "I wonder if he will even remember me?" When he turned to us, I extended my hand saying congratulations and he smiled and said, "finally, a face that i remember." That said it all and described so perfectly my relationship with Mr. C. After 40+ years, I still was a face that he remembered. RIP Mr. C. You were a mentor and friend to me and you will be missed.

Steve Sheldon, Class of 1971 - January 02, 2025 at 06:19 PM