



# Henry Vincent Lencione

August 29, 1925 - May 3, 2020

Henry Vincent Lencione

Henry passed away peacefully on May 3, 2020 at the age of 94. Henry leaves behind the love of life, his wife of 70 years Rose. He was the loving father of the late Michael Lencione (Andrea) and Nancy English (Larry). Proud Papa of Thomas English, Patrick English (Erika), Victoria Lencione and Catherine Lencione. Great Papa to Zachary and Carter English. Henry retired from The Detroit Free Press after 36 years. He sold retail advertising, he loved his job and wished every day that he could go back. Henry was a Life Member of George F Monaghan #2690 Knight of Columbus. He held the offices of Past Grand Knight, Lecturer and Membership Chairman. Henry served on committees including the Rosary Chain, the "Tootsie Roll" drive, blood donation drives, Vegas Nights and numerous others. Henry was always willing to donate to others whether it was with his time or financially. He didn't have to know you to help and never wanted to be recognized for his help. Henry cherished his family more than words can express.

Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Leader Dogs For the Blind [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) or The Capuchin's [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org)

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## **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

25800 W 10 Mile Rd

Southfield, MI,

# Comments

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“ I met Mr. Lencione through his son Mike, who was my classmate and friend at Michigan Law School and we both joined Miller Canfield in 1982 right out of law school. Mr. Lencione was always kind and welcoming to me and had lots of stories to tell. I lost touch with him, Mrs. Lencione and Andrea after Mike's passing, but although gone physically from the world and will be sorely missed, I'm sure he left all of the extended Lencione family and friends with many fond memories as he did with me. Please accept my sincere condolences. Mike Coakley

Mike Coakley - May 12, 2020 at 05:28 PM

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“ To the entire Lencione family, my deepest condolences go out to all of you for your loss. I'm sorry that it's been so long since I've seen or talked to you. I have fond memories of the whole family after Jim Wearn passed away. You were good friends to me when I first moved to the Detroit area. Please know that my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you, especially Rose, Andrea, Catherine, and Victoria

Thom Kinney

Thom Kinney - May 10, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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“ I worked with Harry for a short period of time at the Free Press when I joined the advertising sales team fresh out of university. The team was loaded with talent, so I had many role models who influenced my approach to business throughout my career outside 'The Freep'....however, there are only a few I can recall by name. Harry was one of them. I watched how he prepared young men and women for the future - wherever it might take them. He was especially kind to a young Rene Ford who was being groomed for bigger and better things in Knight-Ridder. Later in life when my turn came to lend a guiding lesson to younger co-workers I tried to channel my best Harry Lencione - without much success. Then one day it hit me....Harry wasn't really about the lesson; at his core he was about the approach. Approach work, life, family and friends with respect, professionalism and love....then the lessons come naturally. I am grateful, like so many, to have crossed paths with Henry Vincent Lencione.

Richard Higginbottom - May 10, 2020 at 06:33 AM

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“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers, I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Henry. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Henry's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Lencione family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Henry.



**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - May 07, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ I worked with Harry at the Detroit Free Press back in the 70's. He was very conservative, and one heck of a great guy! We even got together briefly when I lived in Chicago, when he came up for Don Gunn's retirement party. I always appreciated our connection through the Freep and through Monaghan K of C. He was a good friend to my Mother, Fran Murphy, who passed away in April (her tribute is elsewhere on this website). May God welcome you home!

**Mike Murphy** - May 06, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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“ My Papa was always the closest connection to someone I never knew with stories about my Dad. I think if my dad was as kind and helpful as the stories that he would tell about him, I know exactly where he would've gotten it from. Papa was always warm and welcoming when we would visit and I always made sure to hug him hello and goodbye and to let him know I love him and I like to think that made him very happy. I will never forget his stories, his singing, and genuine love and compassion for not just his friends and family but even for someone that might need help. I'll miss his nicknames and love for Mickey Mouse and that warm voice when I would go to see him. We will miss you and love you and Thanks for the Memories. Your loving granddaughter, Catherine. <3

**Catherine Lencione** - May 05, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ I was recruited by Henry to be the editor of the Monaghan News in 1983. Henry was the Business Manager. Henry was a long-time employee of the Detroit Free Press and at the time I worked as a marketing communications copywriter. This began a more than 15 year association with Henry who I came to regard as one of the best managers I have ever known in the printing and publishing industry. Henry taught me a lot - in particular, follow through on everything and meticulous attention to detail. He was peerless in this and I regard him as a great mentor. He believed in hard work - not only for others but was a tireless workaholic. He never put in anything less than 100% in anything he did. He loved his work. I don't think I ever worked for anyone as conscientious. The Monaghan News never paid much and actually involved a lot of time but I only stayed as long as I did for 15 years because of my attachment to Henry. Working for Henry was an experience in itself.

Henry was a person of strong moral and religious convictions - he loved his family, the Catholic Church, the Detroit Free Press and the Monaghan Council. He was acknowledged as being the Knight of the Century for the Monaghan Council. In his basement, he kept every issue of the Detroit Free Press printed for probably close to 70 years as well as every issue of the Monaghan News.

Life was not necessarily a bowl of Roses for Henry (except for his wife Rose!) I can remember Henry visiting his mother in a nursing home every day and he deeply loved his family. He was devastated by the death of his son Michael. Henry was a WWII veteran in the African theater and despite my constant queries, he would never say a word about his WWII service except for once mentioning he saw some horrible things but never a word beyond that.

I was devastated when I read the announcement from the Monaghan Council. We have lost one of the best people I have ever know - a true friend and mentor. I will honor his memory for ever. Many condolences to Rose and Henry's extended family.

**Michael Oakes** - May 05, 2020 at 03:54 PM

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“ Henry will be forever remembered and revered around the Monaghan Knights of Columbus. Henry was of great help and influence during my term as Grand Knight. Thank you, Henry  
Dick Gibson, PGK, 2690

**Dick Gibson** - May 05, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ There's never a good time to lose a loved one, but it is especially difficult when one cannot be with family to share stories and memories, cry and laugh together, and be there for each other. Harry was a big and tough guy, but he loved his family and friends and would and did anything and everything to support us. In his 94 years he collected so many stories and much wisdom that he happily shared. Nothing would make him happier than to be with his family and revel in our successes and joys; and he was always right there to share the burden of our challenges and sorrows. We are all going to miss you so very much, but now you are with Mike to watch over us. Thanks for the Memories. With much love, your daughter-in-law (although you always thought of me as a daughter :) ) Andi

**Andrea Lencione** - May 05, 2020 at 02:45 AM



“ Henry Mencione will be missed by the Monaghan K of C, he was the historian and talked about the good old days. he was especially kind in his comments about my father PGK Dan MacInnis, thank you to Henry's family for sharing his talent with us all.

May you rest in Peace Henry, your job is very we'll done

I shall make a donation in his name to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen

**John MacInnis** - May 05, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Henry was such a presence in our midst. His good deeds live after him. Thoughts of Monaghan Council, where I worked as a teen and where my own father had been treasurer, bring back pleasant memories. And certainly Henry's prayerful presence at St Mary's of Redford was gift to all. Blessings to you, Rose, and to all the family.  
(Rev) Edward Haggerty

**Edward Haggerty** - May 06, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ I worked with Henry at the Detroit Free Press. I was just out of college and working in classified advertising, he was in National Advertising as I recall. I didn't really know him yet, but he'd heard I was getting married and my fiancé was Italian. He quickly found me and and was pleased to share his wife's Rose's recipe for spaghetti. I still have it! I'm sorry for your loss, which is so difficult in the best of times. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa Barrowman-Alfonsi

**Lisa Barrowman Alfonsi** - May 06, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ I worked with Harry at the Detroit Free Press in the 1970's. I always thought he was a kind and friendly man who was very hard working and conscientious. My husband and I moved to New York at the beginning of the 1980's. When my father in law died many years later, we returned to Royal Oak for the funeral and while sitting in the funeral home, Harry walked in! What a wonderful gesture-- that he came by to see us and pay respects.  
That was the type of man he was--generous of spirit!

**Nancy** - May 30, 2020 at 09:15 PM