



Lorry William Post

December 27, 1931 - February 26, 2018

Lorry William Post, of Lumberton, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Virtua Rehab of Lumberton. He was 86.

Lorry graduated in 1953 from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating, he enlisted in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After his service, he graduated from law school at Temple University. Lorry served as an executive director of Bucks Co. Legal Aide Society and was the founder of the Regional Housing Legal Services.

Lorry's advocacy for justice and human rights deepened even further when he was asked by his pastor to help save the life of a Florida death row inmate, Pedro Medina. Armed with facts and fierce determination, Lorry rallied international attention to evidence of Pedro's innocence. Despite countless pleas for clemency, including from Pope John Paul II, Pedro was executed in 1997.

Pedro's execution ignited a spark in Lorry. Soon after, he founded a grassroots anti-death penalty group in NJ, New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. For the next seven years, Lorry traveled the state, sharing his personal story of loss and failed justice. He dedicated this work to his late daughter Lisa, whose compassion in her too-short life further fueled his own.

Thousands joined Lorry in the cause and in 2007, New Jersey became the first state in 40 years to end the death penalty.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, June; son, Jeffrey (CarolAnne) Post; granddaughter, Whitney Price; grandsons, Steven (Stephanie) and Bradley Post; and brother, Bart (Pat) Post. He is predeceased by his daughter, Lisa Post Price.

Relatives and friends may attend his visitation on Thursday, March 1 from 11-12:30 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. A memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Lorry's name to Equal Justice USA, 81 Prospect St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 (www.ejusa.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lorry William Post*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lorry William Post*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *To June and other members of Lorry's family: Evelyn and I were deeply saddened to learn of Lorry's passing. What a gentle soul, yet so fiercely committed to abolishing the death penalty! He was the first person I met after deciding to become active in NJDPM ("Moratorium"). Our prayers for comfort and healing continue to be with you all. God bless you.*

Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft - March 09, 2018 at 06:28 AM



“ *Lorry was an inspiration. I so enjoyed talking with him every time I met him. A valiant champion against the death penalty. He will be missed by all who knew him! Holding his family in the Light! ~ Bob Holden*

Robert - March 03, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lorry was a very decent man who did good. Sorry for his passing.*

Renny Cushing - March 01, 2018 at 11:32 PM

RS

“ I have many memories of being inspired by Lorry's speaking and advocacy as New Jersey moved towards the abolition of the death penalty. Lorry's leadership transformed our society for the better, and his powerful stories and personal example transformed many hearts. May his memory be a blessing always. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Rabbi Robert Scheinberg

United Synagogue of Hoboken

Member, New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission, 2006

Rabbi Rob Scheinberg - March 01, 2018 at 05:29 PM

SS

“ Though this planet has lost one of its finest people, Lorry spent his life working to make the world a bit better. His tireless campaign to effect change -- in laws, in attitudes, in hearts -- left its mark everywhere. Even in his absence, may we ever feel his presence. Rest in peace, old friend. You earned it.

Sonia

Sonia Stamm - March 01, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorry William Post.



February 28, 2018 at 09:29 AM

LS

“ I met Lorry when I joined the effort to abolish the death penalty in New Jersey. I lost a loved one to murder, but I opposed all killing, including executions. Lorry's response to his loss was not like mine - controlled rage. His was all love; all mercy; all justice - all the time. Lorry showed me genuine Christian response to unspeakable loss. His life was a monument to faith and I'll always be grateful that he and June were a part of my life.

Lois Seeligsohn - February 27, 2018 at 11:53 AM

TA

“ Trulite Glass Fabrication, Atlanta purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Lorry William Post.



Trulite Glass Fabrication, Atlanta - February 27, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ I met Lorry when he came to speak at my daughter's school - after a teacher said that no innocent person was ever put on death row on executed. He inspired me to join NJADP. He was one of the kindest and most thoughtful people I've ever met. He touched so many lives. The world is richer for having had him in it, and poorer for his departure. I am richer for having known him. His memory will forever be a blessing.

Sandy Manning - February 27, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorry William Post.*



February 27, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lorry William Post.*



February 27, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ *Chuck and Beth Phillips purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lorry William Post.*



Chuck and Beth Phillips - February 26, 2018 at 10:17 PM

TH

“ *My Uncle Lorry*

I am so glad that I was able to spend time with you holding you hand this last week. Able to tell you how much I love you & you able to mutter it back. I'm a proud niece & very thankful for the man / husband you were to my Aunt June. I am also proud of who you were as a servant! I'm sad that I will not be at your funeral but will be thinking of you & Aunt June often on Thursday! I will also hold the quiet loving relationship that I had with you along with the memories that you & I shared down the shore. You will always have a piece of my heart!

Terri Hare - February 26, 2018 at 08:44 PM

CF

“ *Lorry Post was a sweet, kind, funny, smart, talented man who gave so much to so many. He was the first to step up when he saw an injustice, and never wanted credit for doing so. He was my mentor and friend. I will miss him dearly. I already do.*

My deepest condolences to June, Jeff, and all the Posts. I'm in FL and can't get there for Thursday, which breaks my heart, but please know I will be there in spirit.

Celeste Fitzgerald - February 26, 2018 at 06:28 PM

BP

“ *RIP to one of the gentlest souls on the planet, our Uncle Lorry. I still remember Uncle Lorry as a young lawyer in Bucks County, where he worked as a public defender. I also remember Uncle Lorry supporting Eugene McCarthy for President in 1968. Uncle Lorry was also the first person I knew to have a Japanese car, called a Datsun. Later in life, Uncle Lorry somehow turned a tragedy into his life's work. My sincerest sympathy to Uncle Lorry's devoted wife, June, to his dedicated son, Jeff, and to all of the Post family. My sympathy to Uncle Lorry's devoted brother, and my father, Bart Post. Sincerely, Ben Post*

Ben Post - February 26, 2018 at 06:03 PM