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Jacob B. Conrad

Jacob B. Conrad, 50, of Rochester, N.Y., formerly of Waukesha, found peace Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, after a courageous struggle against cancer.

He was the beloved son of Dr. Arthur and Dorothy (nee Jankowski) Conrad, and the beloved brother of Therese Conrad, Elaine (Tom) Mohaupt, Rosemary (Roy) Sandoval, Joseph (Elizabeth) Conrad, Lorry (Randy) Eldien, Andrea (Jeff) Robinson and John (Shelly) Conrad. He also is survived by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his infant twin sisters, Antoinette and Dorie.

Jacob will be remembered for his passion for history and his love of books. We admired his gift for languages, his keen intellect and his endless quest for knowledge. Jacob graduated from Marquette High School in 1975. From there, he headed to California and studied at the University of San Francisco. He returned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1985. Jacob then pursued further study of history at Columbia University in New York City. His love of books landed him a position as an editor at John Wiley publishing. In 1994, Jacob came home to Wisconsin, and fittingly, was drawn to work at Old World Wisconsin, the Midwest's largest outdoor museum of living history. Jacob worked at Old World Wisconsin for many years, beginning as an interpreter and working his way up to assistant curator. In 2006, Jacob followed his passion for living history to New York where he served until his death as curator of collections at Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumfords, N.Y.

A memorial Mass celebrating Jacob's life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at St. Anthony on the Lake, W280-N2101 Highway SS, town of Delafield, with a gathering of family and friends to follow. There will be a private interment.

If desired, memorials in Jacob's name can be made to the Old World Wisconsin Foundation or the Genesee County Village & Museum.

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