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MILLE LACS — Paul J. Conati, 66, of Owatonna died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at his resort home at Mille Lacs Lake.

Paul was born Oct. 13, 1945, in St. Paul. He was adopted by Frank and Cecile (Mercil) Conati of Crookston, Minn. Paul graduated from Crookston High School in 1964 and soon after joined the US Navy and served until 1968. He then met and later married Barbara (Hannum) in Swampscott, Mass. They moved to Owatonna and later divorced. Paul worked for Northwestern Bell until his retirement in 1994. He enjoyed his time camping, fishing, playing pool, gardening and watching major sports.

Paul is survived by a daughter, Christina Conati of Claremont; two brothers, Chuck and Collette Conati of Crookston; Jon and Bonnie Conati of North Branch, Minn.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

A visitation memorial will be held at the Owatonna American Legion on Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in St. Paul on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Military ceremony beginning at 1 p.m.