



Peter Greverath

November 9, 1938 - May 10, 2019

Peter H. Greverath, age 80, of Troy, formerly of Berkley, MI passed away peacefully on May 10, 2019 at William Beaumont Hospital. He was born on November 9, 1938 to the late Peter and Gustel Greverath. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ann. Loving father and father-in-law to Melissa and Brad Watkins. Incredible "Papa" to Jack and Drew. He is also survived by his siblings Gisela (Ottfried) Koeller, Elke (Dieter) Schnappat and Claus (Doris) Greverath, along with his loving in-laws Susan Tamm, Shelia and Gerry Sparbeck, Patrick (deceased) and Patricia Pooler. He has many cherished nieces and nephews.

Peter was born in Koblenz, Germany. His family then moved to Bad Kreuznach, Germany where Peter would grow up and attend school along with his siblings. Peter always had an affinity for math and would go on to trade school at the age of 14 to study manufacturing engineering, while finishing high school. During school Peter was well known throughout Bad Kreuznach for being a tremendous athlete. While he was an excellent all-around athlete, Peter excelled at track and field. His event was the decathlon. He was not the type to ever brag about himself, so something that few people knew about him was that he tried out and just missed making the German Olympic Team. After school, Peter went on to serve in the German Air Force for two years. At the age of 23 Peter followed his sisters Elke and Gisela to America. His plan was to stay for a few years and then to go back to Germany.

In America, he met his beautiful bride Mary Ann and was destined to stay for the remainder of his life in the United States. He moved from Royal Oak to Berkley with Mary Ann and Melissa where he would live for 50 years in his beloved home on Thomas. Peter was very handy and turned his house into a home for his family. He took great pride in all the work that he did on the inside of his home that truly showed off the detail and handy work that Peter was capable of. His yard was also a source of pride for Peter. He and Mary Ann spent many hours working in their yard to make it a show piece. Mary Ann and all her beautiful flowers and Peter with the bushes in the front of the house. He would take hours upon hours trimming them to perfection. Peter was a man that let no detail escape him.

Throughout the years the thing that was the most important to Peter was his family. Although there were not as many trips home to Germany as he would have liked, Peter remained close to his siblings and nieces and nephews talking with them often. He loved and treasured his wife, daughter and son-in-law who was like a son to him. The greatest joy in Peter's life were his two grandsons, Jack and Drew. It was when he was with them that he was his happiest. He enjoyed watching them play sports and they had a common love for watching soccer, especially cheering for Germany. Peter's fondest memories with his family had to be the time spent in Pentwater in the early years and the vacations at Silver Lake with his grandsons watching them develop the same love for Lake Michigan that he had.

It is with great sadness that we said good-bye to Peter this last week; however, he was able to leave on his terms. Peter was able to talk with most of his loved ones in his final days. He was able to share the love he had for them and they were able to do the same. As difficult as that was for everyone involved, it was something that gave Peter great peace and will be treasured as well by those that loved him the most.

Peter will always be remembered in our hearts as a loving, kind and generous man. We will miss him!

Visitation Friday, May 17th from 4 pm until 8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Peter will lie in state Saturday, May 18th from 9:30 am until the time of the funeral Mass 10:00 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak. Committal service immediately following at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

The family has requested memorials to the Berkley Education Foundation ~ note on memo line "In memory of Peter Greverath" ~ and mail to 14501 Talbot Street, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Cemetery

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI, 48098

Events

MAY 17 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal
Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI, US,
48067

MAY 18 In-State At Church 09:30AM - 10:00AM

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak, MI, US,
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MAY 18 Funeral Mass 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Our condolences to you Mary Ann and your family. At one of our early reunion s Peter had reviewed Maryoak and noted those whose future plans matched their then current occupation Thought that was very clever In our prayers Alex&Diane McGarry

alex mcgarry - May 23 at 07:25 PM



“ Have not seen Peter in years but will always remember his calm demeanor. Our sympathies to Mary Ann and her family

Mitch & Kat

Mitch Gorkiewicz - May 23 at 06:30 PM



“ Dear Mary Ann,
Deepest condolences to you, to your daughter Melissa and to her family.

I have learned that death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loves leaves a memory no one can steal.my love and prayers to you and for you and your family.

Maay Peters memory be forever a blessing.

Joanie Dameron Carson

joan Dameron Carson - May 22 at 02:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Greverath.



May 17 at 11:14 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Peter Greverath.



May 16 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Greverath.



May 15 at 11:33 AM