



Reginald Telly

June 2, 1919 - February 9, 2022

Reginald "Reggie" Telly, of Sterling Heights, passed away on February 9, 2022 at the age of 102. Reggie proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Reggie is the cherished father of Donna (Bill) Fetterhoff, Gary Telly, Kenny Telly, Patty Adams, Ed (Donna) Telly, and Bonnie Rice; the adored grandfather of Lorrie (Keith), Eddie, Linda (Ed), Scott (Teresa), Pam, Donna, Mercedes (Aaron), and Melissa; the loving great-grandfather of Erica, Lauren, Addison, Nicholas, Mary, Maya, and Weston; and the dear great-great-grandfather of Lily and Justin. Reggie was preceded in death by his wife, Eveline, grandson, Brandon, and son-in-law John Gabler.

Reginald, also known as Reg, Reggie, Dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, friend will be deeply missed by all who shared his life. And, he sure had a lot of it, didn't he? I don't mean by just the number of years he was blessed with, but by the talents, energy, and stamina he exuded. He was a man with great patience, he calculated his moves and took his time to make sure everything was right by him.

Dad grew up with 2 brothers, Victor and Ronald, and 2 sisters, Muriel and Molly. At a very young age Reggie lost his mother. His father and Little Uncle raised these five siblings who grew up to be a wonderful family.

Reggie married Eveline at a young age and they had six beautiful children. Donna, Gary, Kenny, Patty, Eddie, and Bonnie. All together they were blessed with 9 wonderful grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

During the time of World War II, Dad was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Florida. I can't imagine how difficult it had to be for him to leave Eveline behind with their first 3 babies while he served our country? We thank him for his service as he is part of the greatest generation.

While raising his family, Dad had a variety of jobs which included that of a draftsman. If he left a job, he would have another job by the end of the next day to support his family. He

was definitely a go-getter and very responsible. He attended night school to earn his degree in engineering. Reggie was an entrepreneur and went on to develop his own grinding business along with his brother, Vic. They were in business many years and dad retired from that role in the early 1980s. Dad didn't stop there. I believe he was 62 years old at that time and he had too much more to do. He had better ideas.

Did you know that Reggie was an inventor? He designed and patented a few items. A half-notch for a watch band; a bowling ball insert; a case for precision gage balls,-- just to name a few that I'm aware of. I'm sure his kids will be happy to share his achievements with you. Can you imagine if Shark tank was around when he turned his ideas into reality? I'm certain we would have seen him on that TV show and he would be an instant star!

Dad developed his Precision Components business back in 1985 and worked this business up until about one year ago. I guess we could say Dad retired at the age of 101. Amazing! Dad liked to stay busy.

Throughout the years he enjoyed a number of sports.

Dad was quite the Tiger Baseball fan. He attended his first Tiger game at Navin Field in Detroit and continued to be an avid fan throughout his years. Just think about all the changes he witnessed to the sport and the fields where the Tigers played.

Reggie was quite the fisherman. He loved to fish for walleye on the St. Clair River at night. Even if it meant going alone. He almost always came home with some big ones. Sometimes they barely fit in the refrigerator.

As a young man he was quite the ice skater and hockey player. He would join games with other guys and actually had the opportunity to play once with Sid Abel and Ted Lindsay from the Red Wings team.

Dad created an ice rink in his backyard for his kids and the neighborhood kids to enjoy. I am told he enjoyed it as much or more than the kids. Ten years ago he was asking about his hockey skates and thought about trying out the ice again! Probably a good idea that he couldn't locate them. But something inside me believes he still would have skated like a pro

Dad also spent some time in his early years bowling. That's probably where his idea for the inserts for bowling balls came into play.

As time went by, Reggie enjoyed many days of golf with family and friends. He enjoyed being in the outdoors and the competition with the guys. The guys would have to let you know just how good he really was!

As time went by he tagged up with some gentleman friends at the Warren Recreation Center and played billiards with the guys. He would joke and say he plays with the kids at the Center. They were in their 70s and 80s and much younger than Reg. It kept him going. He also had his special group of friends who would meet regularly at Dunkin Donuts or McDonalds for coffee. Imagine the conversations and laughs at those gatherings!

What a joke teller he was. Wasn't he the best? I believe everyone in this room has heard at least one joke from Reg. Some were jokes he was sharing from years ago, other more recent and we can't forget the jokes he would make up. Of those he was most proud. He always made me laugh! I always enjoyed watching him laugh until he had tears running down his face. What a funny guy he could be!

Dad liked to keep his brain sharp. Over the last several years he challenged himself with Sudoku puzzles on a daily basis as a form of relaxation. Within the last couple of weeks he completed the 4th level. He's always been very good with numbers and had the patience to figure out anything.

Dad was a very good cook and an excellent host. Always quick to offer something to drink. A glass of water, pop, or maybe even a nice cold beer. Ice cream, pudding, or cake were typically available too. He was ready for anything. I think he was quite proud of the way he could put a meal together and make it taste so good. The best pea soup and baked mostaccioli I ever had came from his kitchen, made with his hands. We will miss his culinary skills.

Dad, we will miss you, along with the stories you shared and laughter you brought to each and every one of us. We all have been so blessed to have had you with us for so many years. I believe you know you were so loved especially with having your children at your side when you passed.

Rest in peace, until we meet again.

****Reggie's family is requesting that all guests who come to the visitation and service to please wear a mask at all times while around their family.****

Reggie's family will receive friends for visitation on Sunday, February 13, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks

East of Van Dyke), Utica. Visitation will continue on Monday, February 14, from 12:00 p.m. until the time of his service at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Also, due to the pandemic, the services will conclude at the funeral home and no reception will be held after the service at this time. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Missing you already, loved all the times we played pool at the Warren Community Center, will always cherish those days, and thank you for sharing all your skill shots and expertise in playing "One Pocket" pool game.*

Tom Brady

Tom Brady - February 12 at 04:09 PM

LM

Loved sitting and talking to you at McDonald's 🙏💙🙏

Lori marcella - February 13 at 02:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Reginald Telly.*



February 12 at 01:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reginald Telly.*



February 11 at 09:31 PM

JF

“ *Jim Fanaras and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Reginald Telly.*



Jim Fanaras and Family - February 11 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Reginald Telly*.



February 11 at 03:08 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Reginald Telly*.



February 11 at 09:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Reginald Telly*.



February 11 at 08:42 AM