



Benjamin H. Fairless

December 8, 1930 - March 10, 2021

Benjamin H. Fairless, age 90, of Royal Oak, died March 10, 2021. He was born December 8, 1930 in Gouldsboro, PA to the late George and Mary Fairless.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Loving father of David, Mary Lou Fischer, Kevin (Susan), Mike (Connie), Keith (Nancy), Leanne (Greg) Nadlicki, Kyle, Mark (Karin) and Dan (Katie). Proud grandfather of Myles Fairless, Katie (Clayton) Hill, Jess (Julia) Fairless, Ashley (Tom) Dubay, Grahame Fairless, Emily (Kris) Miller, Leigh Fairless, Amy Fairless, Tom Fairless, Sarah (Danny) Martinez, Josh Fairless, Jenna Fairless, Benjamin Fairless, Emma Fairless, Izzy Fairless, and Aaron Fairless. Great-grandfather of Chris Fairless, Kyle Fairless, Marina Fairless, Rilyn Hill, Hudson Hill, James Fairless, Vincent Dubay, Nora Dubay, Samuel Miller, Romeo Martinez and Jacob Martinez. Dear brother of Dorothy Schirrick and Kent (Gloria) Fairless. Predeceased by his granddaughter, Whitney Fairless, and his siblings: Laura Healey, Naomi Matlock, Tom Fairless, Herb Fairless, and Jess Fairless.

Ben was a proud U.S. Army Veteran who served overseas in Germany during the Korean War. When he returned home, he used his GI Bill to earn his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Detroit, attending night school while working fulltime and raising his family. Ben enjoyed a 44-year career with The Detroit Edison Company before retiring in

1991.

Ben was an outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt. The family cabin up north in Fife Lake was a favorite destination. He was a handyman who enjoyed working on projects and spending time in his tool shed. Ben was an avid reader who took a particular interest in history. He was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of Guardian Angels parish in Clawson for over 50 years. Ben always put his family first and he loved spending time with relatives and friends. Ben was dearly loved and respected, and he will be greatly missed.

Benjamin will lie in state at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 581 E. Fourteen Mile Rd, Clawson, MI 48017 on Monday, March 15, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Guardian Angels Catholic Church Facebook page. Interment with military honors will take place at St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery in Fife Lake, MI at a later date.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face masks are required to enter the church and proper social distancing will be practiced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the American Legion Post 0219, 10283 M-186, Fife Lake, MI 49633 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207 (www.cskdetroit.org) are suggested and appreciated.

Share a memory at: www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery

403 Merritt Street
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
581 E. 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I just found out about your loss of your father. I am so sad to hear of his passing. He was one of my favorite people and I enjoyed visiting with him in Fife Lake. My sympathies to your family.
Linda Forwerck

Linda K Forwerck - December 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Benjamin. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Benjamin's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Fairless family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Benjamin.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - March 16, 2021 at 03:53 PM

PM

“ My condolences to the Fairless family. Ben was my neighbor since 1979. He and his family were always very friendly and helpful. Ben always had a smile and he was there to help when needed. Lending tools, giving advice or just sharing friendly conversation. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time of their loss.
Pete Mello

Pete Mello - March 16, 2021 at 10:06 AM

RF

“ my prayers and best wishes go out to the family .I was raised Around the clawson and Troy Area

Troy area.went to troy high school .was four years younger than he was .never had the pleasure of meeting him .I lived on Ba

der St in Troy Michigan all my life.

Roy Paul Fairless - March 16, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SF

“ I worked with Ben at Detroit Edison many years ago. He was a great supervisor! Always helpful with a wonderful sense of humor. He was an admired member of "the Edison Family". RIP Ben. May God be with your family today and through the years ahead. So sorry for your loss.

Sue Fairchild

Suzanne M Fairchild - March 16, 2021 at 03:48 AM

MR

“ My condolences to the family of Ben Fairless. I worked for Ben at Detroit Edison for a number of years, learned a lot from him, and always appreciated his help and his sense of humor. May good memories help you through this difficult time.

Godspeed, Ben!

Mike Ricci

Michael Ricci - March 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DS

“ Our condolences to the entire Fairless Family. We have many fond memories of both Ben and Margaret. We always enjoyed time spent with them. Love and Prayers to all of you. RIP Ben.

Doreen and Bernie Scheinpflug - March 14, 2021 at 06:46 PM

JN

“ Please accept my condolences. I was so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Jacqueline (Petko) Niffeler

Jacqueline Niffeler - March 14, 2021 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ My most recent memory of him is that instead of a regular cane to help him walk, he uses a hockey stick instead. As if he was saying to the world, "My body may be growing old, but I always be young at heart." At least that is how I interpret it. Rest in piece, Grandpa, I hope Grandma and Great Uncle Jesse gave you the biggest hugs ever.

Joshua Fairless - March 13, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JF

peace*

Joshua Fairless - March 13, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin H. Fairless.



March 13, 2021 at 06:05 PM

GD

“ His beautiful Smile and Kind hart ed ways will surly be missed.. He always shared good family stories, It has been an honor to know him.. all our love & prayers The Downey's

Gary & Connie Downey - March 13, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin H. Fairless.



March 13, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin H. Fairless.



March 13, 2021 at 12:43 PM