



Donald J. Francisco

July 24, 1916 - February 25, 2011

Francisco, Donald J. D.V.M., age 94, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family February 25, 2011. He was born July 24, 1916 in Detroit, MI. Donald is preceded in death by his wife, Gail. Loving father of Gordon, Donna Francisco and Shelly Rich McConkie. Dear grandfather of Tammy David Boelema, Amy Mills, Donald Amelia Mills, Victoria Ryan Wetzel, Gwen Patrick Anderson. Vistation Monday 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Tuesday 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials to the Companion Animal Fund, M.S.U. College of Veterinary Medicine or Alzheimer's Association appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Don...what a great guy. I still remember his stories about the animals he took care of during WWII..and he lovingly took care of my first pets..He and his wife were always fun at Rotarry affairs...Everyone love Don!

Larry Belland - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Don was an inspiration. I met him through Rotary and he had a lot of wisdom to pass on to the group. He was an amazing man and i'm sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. May he rest in peace. Lisa Storts

Lisa Storts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ It was a gift for me to have spent many hours with Doc the last 3 years. Many friends and family have been touched by his humor and sweet nature. He was my teacher as well as my friend. It's been an honor to know him and he is missed.

Carol Cleaver - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ It was my great pleasure to know Dr. Francisco through my friendship with his daughter Donna. What a charming, talented, good humored, loving man - truly one of a kind. He will be missed by all those whose lives were enriched by knowing him. My condolences to all members of this wonderful family.

Alyn Thomas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was first acquainted with the Francisco family when a I was a classmate of Gordie in 4th grade at Whittier School in RO. Mrs. Francisco brought a live bat to school that she found on her basement stairs! Dr. & Mrs. Francisco also drove us kids to 6th grade camp in their 55 Chevrolet. As a teenager, I would see Dr Francisco once a week to sell him leftover newspapers for his kennels. I knew that he would always be there working late evenings. He was kind, generous, and uplifting to me. In more recent years Amy, his grand daughter, and I often spoke on the phone as she was my disabled sister's social worker always helping out as much as she could. I heard many good things from my close friend Paul Barrows DVM about Dr. Francisco being a good mentor when MSU student Paul worked one summer at North Main. You might say that Dr. Francisco was truly a great father, husband, grandfather, veterinarian and supporter of his community. My sincere condolences to the Francisco family.

Dean Bell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We were friends over the years through Royal Oak Rotary Club, and appreciated Don's warmth and sense of humor. He will be missed. Bill Sullivan

Bill and Cathy Sullivan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My condolences to his family. Dr. Francisco will be remembered by so many people for so many reasons. I knew him through Rotary and through his veterinary practice. He had one of the greatest sense of humor of anyone I've ever known. I will remember him as a dear friend, whom I first met in his office as a child of thirteen- forty years ago. Yesterday, Don was reunited with his late wife, Gail. She will have to help him hold all those crowns he will be bestowed with. Dr. Francisco, received those crowns for practicing "service above self". And he will lay them down at Jesus's feet. For that is the humble, happy, godly man that Doctor Francisco represented to me. I will miss you dear friend.

Julie Foster - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ A Great Man and will be dearly missed by all

Tim Adams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM