



Edgar C. Kiefer

April 7, 1920 - October 14, 2008

Edgar C. Kiefer, age 88, a 50-year Royal Oak resident, died Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was born April 7, 1920, in Detroit. Mr. Kiefer was a 50-year member of the Shrine parish where he ushered for many years. He was a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot for the 9th USAAF, 365th Fighter Group, the "Hell Hawks", during World War II, where he received several medals and flew over 50 missions. He enjoyed playing bridge and golf and doing carpentry. He also loved to spend his summers at his cottage in Black River, MI. Surviving are his children, Richard Patricia Kiefer of Boulder, CO, Michael Suzanne Kiefer of South Haven, Mary Ann Paul Corrigan of Huntington Woods, Marcia Jerry Dougan of Fremont and Paul Fumiko Kiefer of Auburn, WA; siblings, Helen Gaynor, William Kiefer, Mary McPhee, Carol Schulte, Janet Smith, Elaine Burke and Barbara Fackler; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Kiefer, on March 17, 2008. The couple were married August 5, 1944, in Abilene, TX; and sisters, Eleanor Kiefer and Patricia VanHove. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. scripture service at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. at National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Memorials to Honor Flight Michigan appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick, Mike, Mary Ann, Marcia & Paul, Upon hearing the news today, we were very saddened to hear of the death of your mother and father. We have fond memories of both of them - both very special. Please know that your family is in our prayers, now and always. Love, your cousins, Carol Van Hove Siadak, Patty Van Hove Neumeyer & Charlie Van Hove

Carol Van Hove Siadak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Kiefer was a courageous fighter pilot during WWII, and shared his memories of combat flying in a memoir, *A P-47 Pilot's Recollections of his WWII Battles*. His bravery in defense of our freedoms is an example to my post-war generation, and to my children. May our nation never lack for men of Edgar Kiefer's character. My deepest condolences to the Kiefer family, Tom Jones co-author of *"Hell Hawks!"*

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

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“ Chris lived next door to Ed and Marty on Roseland in Royal Oak until we married in 1960. Then our paths crossed again when we moved to Harrisville in 1981. Your mom and dad were good friends of Hal and Becky Ellison in Royal Oak. Hal is my brother . He died a few years ago, but Becky lives in Rochester Hills now. We've had many visits with your parents at their home in Black River. We have missed them and are very sorry for the loss of both of your parents this year. We will always remember them. Our hearts go out to you. A question for his daughter Carol Schulte, "Were you ever married to Ed Schulte and have a son named David born in the '60's? We have been trying to locate an old friend of ours with that same name." Peace and love, Chris and Peggy Cowdin from Harrisville, MI

Chris & Peg Cowdin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM