



Edmund P. Dery

August 9, 1936 - March 14, 2013

Edmund P. Dery, age 76, a resident of Greenbush, MI, died March 14, 2013 at Medilodge of Milford. He was born August 9, 1936 in Detroit to the late Joseph and Elizabeth Matthee Dery. Mr. Dery grew up in Royal Oak, MI. He was a 1954 graduate of St. Mary High School in Royal Oak and Bradley University in Peoria, IL. He was in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, 45th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. He worked for 43 years as a watchmaker and gemologist, and was employed by Dobie Jewelers, Neiman Marcus and Sydney Krandall. He retired in 2000 and divided his time between Tucson, Arizona and Michigan. He was a former board member of the Michigan Jewelers Association. He also was a member of the Royal Oak and Sterling Heights Rotaries. He was the past president and secretary of the Sterling Heights Rotary. His family was his greatest joy and remodeling projects in his spare time. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Gerhold Dery; the couple married October 25, 1958 in Royal Oak; daughters, Dianna Doug Burke of Holly, MI, Julie Mark Thom of Caledonia, MI, Lynne Richard Lain of Ft. Wayne, IN and Laura Vincent Natale of Tucson, AZ; siblings, Joseph Sharon Dery of Kalamazoo, MI, William Rose Dery of Suches, GA and Donna Joseph Cayuela of Lambertville, MI; grandchildren, Jason Tiffany, Colin Kerri, Kristen, Jennifer, Michael Stephanie, David, Jonathan, Connor, Alex and Adam; and great grandchildren, Lucas and Noelle. He was preceded in death by his brother, Patrick Dery. The visitation will be Sunday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven

Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Dery will lie in state Monday 10 a.m. until the time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak, with the Rev. Steven Wertanen officiating. Memorials to Residential Hospice, 30755 Barrington, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

BD

“*Dearest Edmund, This poem suits you so well....kind, loving, hard-working, and loving your family and God above all. We will miss you always, A heart of gold stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. With love and devotion always.*

Barbara Ann Dery - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*Dear Barb and family, "To remember is to love and celebrate ... to laugh and cry ... to connect and share ... to remember is to honor the one who will always be a light in your life and your heart." We were saddened to learn of Ed's death. We knew him and will remember him as a kind, caring gentleman who first loved his family and his Lord. How blessed you all are to have had Ed as the center of your lives. May you find peace and reassurance through all the wonderful memories you share of your beloved Ed. You are in our thoughts and prayers and hearts. Love, Martha and John Beechler Santa Fe, NM March 21, 2013 mlbeech@aol.com*

martha beechler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Barb, you and Ed have had a love affair that most would envy, you have been so in love all these years. When I knew you in 1958, it was so evident and then when we reconnected up here at St. Anne's, it was the same, maybe even stronger. You and your sweet daughters have seen him through this final long illness, and now he is certainly enjoying his freedom from his human body. You loved him home. I'm so sorry not to be with you today; I know you understand how advancing years and physical problems force us to stay home when we don't want to. God bless you and all your family. Love from us both.

Clairellen and Chuck McLaughli - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Barb & Family, We send our love and support as you all grieve the loss of Ed, our friend for over 45 years. We were so glad that we were able to celebrate Christmas with Barb & Ed before we left for three months in Florida. We regret not being able to be present for the services to honor Ed's life but we will always carry with us wonderful memories of Ed from the days on Meadows to those at Medilodge, especially those on Sunrise Drive. Ed was a warm, kind, and gentle soul who was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed however he leaves a wonderful family that reflects all of his outstanding qualities. God Bless, Chris & Brian

Chris & Brian Clark - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Laura ~ I just heard about your dad ~ I am so sorry ~ what a substantial loss ~ He was a huge influence in my life as I am sure many others as well I will forever be grateful to him for allowing me the opportunity to work at Dobie Jewelers ~ I learned a lot working with him and the others the famous quote of yours "May I keep your carbons" always brings back fond memories He was a great man and a good role model for me since we lost our father when we were in high school and a wonderful father to you and your sisters and we all witnessed the love of your entire family which was evident in your parents ~ No words will comfort you ~ but just know that he truly Blessed everyone who crossed his path ~ our thoughts and prayers go out to your family and your sisters families as well ~ Give your mom a hug from me xoxo Love ya Girl ~ wish I could be there to visit with your family at this time and I apologize that I am unable to ~ you all are in my prayers always â?¥ ~ Meliz & Bill , Megan, Collin , Emily and Lucy Baldwin

Meliz Baldwin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Barb, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. We have wonderful memories of our times with you and Ed. Love, Barrett and Jean

Barrett & Jean Hargreaves - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ To the entire family of Mr. Edmund P Dery, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Chuck and I always felt that Ed was like a father figure to me during my time at Dobie Jewelers. We always felt his heart and kindness every day!! Barb, Dianna, Julie, Lynne and Laura, Thanks for sharing your husband/father with me for the years I spent at the jewelry store, He was a GREAT man as you all know. Treasure the Happy memories forever! Heaven has an Angel now looking after us all! â?¥ Heather and Chuck Stewart

Heather Stewart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Barb, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family at this difficult time. We both feel blessed to have had Ed and you as 'up north' neighbors. We have many fond memories of seeing you in Tucson and in Greenbush. It is good to know Ed now rests in perfect peace.

Kent and Connie Sysak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Barb, If anyone is deserving of a place in heaven, it is Ed. He was one of the kindest, nicest people to ever grace the face of earth. We will forever miss him. So sorry we are out of town and not with you at this time.

Mary Jo & Gordon SNAVELY - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Barb, so sorry we can't be with you at this time. We have been friends so long, it breaks our heart to lose him but we know he is with God and finally rid of that terrible disease he has been burdened with all these years. Please tell the kids we are so sorry and that we will be praying for Ed and all of you, love Len and Ev

Len & Ev Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM