



Edward K. Kurz

March 7, 1927 - February 18, 2009

Edward K. Kurz, 81, a resident of Roscommon, formerly of Detroit, died February 18, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born March 7, 1927 in Detroit. Edward was the second generation owner of the Dakota Inn Rathskeller, serving Detroit for 75 years. The restaurant was opened in 1933 by its founder, Karl Kurz, and is still family-owned and operated by the third generation, Edward's son, Karl E. Kurz. The Dakota Inn is a registered historical landmark by the Michigan Historical Commission. After retiring, Edward moved to Higgins Lake, where he enjoyed his lake home, boating, woodworking and travel. He is survived by his children, Carol Kamlay, Doreen Dennis Durandetto, Karl Patti Kurz and Lori Brian Kenny; grandchildren, Lisa and Kristen Kenny; and sister, Hilda Howarth. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Kurz, on October 31, 2005; and his parents, Karl and Katherine Kurz. Visitation will be Sunday 2-8 p.m. and the service Monday 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak, with the Rev. Craig Bickel officiating. Memorials to The Higgins Lake Foundation, PO Box 753, Roscommon, MI 48653. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dear Karl, Doreen, Lori, and Carol, Our family wishes to extend our deepest sympathies for the loss of Ed. I have many wonderful memories of Ed from my years working behind the bar and visiting the Dakota over the years. Detroit has lost another part of the fabric that made it unique. May God bless all of you in your time of sorrow.

Michael Drops - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Doreen, Dennis, Karl, Patti, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a gem. I am sure your mom and dad are happily reunited! My prayers are with you all. Joyce, Tim and Timmy Doyle

Joyce Doyle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ We are so sorry about your loss, we are neighbors on Robbins and have known the family since 1973, at least to say hello, and admire the deer behind the garage. May God bless you all.

Will and Judy Kern - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Karl, I am sorry to hear of your family's loss. Your father was always very kind to James and I and I will always remember him with fondest of memories. Take care.

John McGill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Carol, Doreen, Karl and Lori, We are very sad to hear of Ed's passing. Janet and I always enjoyed seeing Ed up at the lake, and somehow, it was a comfort knowing he was there. We will miss him. We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your families.

Rick and Janet Langolf, Bill and Laura - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Karl, I am sorry to hear of your loss. From all of the McGill's I wish you our heart felt condolences to you and your family. Peace, Jim

James McGill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dearest Carel Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your dad! Tom spoke of him often and was very fond of him and I am sure he will be missed by everyone. Allow yourself time to be sad, but celebrate his life and keep all the memories alive.

Kathy and Sonny Chappie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ On behalf of University of Detroit Mercy Titan Fans that have enjoyed the Dakota Inn for all the years, May Ed and Dorothy be Resting in Peace.

Mark Mikula - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ May the "Thunder and Lightning" be with you Mr. Kurz. You will be missed by many. From across the lake I send my condolences, thoughts and prayers to the entire Kurz family.

Nelson Schilk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Carol, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Sherri

Sherri Bahorski Rudolph - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ We lose many close friends during a long life, but few that one can call life-long friends. Ed, Eugene Gordon and I played together on the East Dakota sidewalks and vacant lots during our formative years, the depression-stressed 1930s. As kids are wont to do, we formed a club dubbing it the EBE/KYG gang, utilizing our initials. I was an usher at the Edward-Dorothy wedding, and, though life carried us along different roads, we occasionally came together, never forgetting the club. Ed was the exemplary business leader, Eugene became a successful San Diego CPA and I entered law enforcement. Ed and I spoke on the phone less than a month ago while he was on Florida's Atlantic coast visiting; I was near Tampa. For the most part, he said, he felt well. He had mailed me a short note with an old newspaper clipping concerning my activities during the 1960s, he said, but it had not yet arrived; it came later. It was a very thoughtful gesture. Ed was a fine man, a good friend; he will be sorely missed.

Bill Young - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ It's with great sadness that we learned of Ed's passing. My father spoke highly of him and of all the great times they had at Higgins Lake. To think of how long the two families have been a part of the area, it's hard to see the passing of another patriarch of Higgins Lake. Both my Mother and Father, along with my wife and I, wish to send our our sympathies to entire Kurz family. He will be missed.

Fred D Stoye Jr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM