



Fred W. Mathiak

November 20, 1924 - May 7, 2017

Mathiak, Fred W., of Utica, MI; Age 92, May 7, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Elsie. Loving father of Gary (Linda) Mathiak and Gail (Elmer) Rinke. Loving grandfather of Jeremy (Emily) Mathiak, Hans (Elizabeth) Mathiak, Dana (Kevin) Secord, Nathan (Elizabeth) Mathiak, Alissa (Edward) Kay, Mitchell (Kelsey) Mathiak, Jeffrey Rinke, and Zachary Mathiak. Great grandfather of Aldyn, Cara, Christian, Matteo, Isabella, Tobias, Sebastian, Alexa, and Anna. Dear brother of Ruth Korzon. Fred was born Frederick Wilhelm Mathiak on November 20, 1924 to Bertha and Max Mathiak who had just immigrated to the United States in 1923 Fred attended parochial school until the ninth grade then went on to the Public High School. While in the ninth grade he had part time jobs. First job as a paper boy, then became a pin setter at a Lutheran Bowling Alley and afterwards as a stock boy at Wrigley's Supermarkets. Fred was drafted in May 1941 serving with the United States Navy during WWII and was Honorably discharged May 7th, 1946. While in the service, his mother Bertha died. Once home Fred married our Mom, his devoted Elsie Fisch on April 19th, 1947. Fred began his career as a bank clerk with NBD in 1947. Through the years Fred was promoted due his dedication, supporting and lending to business visionaries as clients, his hard work and commitment to NBD and to his clients. After a few years became a commercial lender for NBD, distinguishing himself as one of the leading lenders in the Macomb county area. Fred and Elsie moved to Utica in 1960 until his retirement. Fred was very active as a community and business leader

as well as an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. He served as Chairperson and founding member of the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation and other committees as a volunteer for the benefit of the Church and their school . Fred served as Past President and member of the Utica Kiwanis and later on, joined the Utica Rotary Club becoming a member and Past President. Served on the Utica Police Retirement Pension Board as Chairperson, and a member of the St. Joseph Hospital Advisory Board Committee later on Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Fred was a Charter member of the Gerald C. Friend Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund established for graduating seniors receiving scholarships from the local high schools. Served as a Trustee with the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence. Fred was also a former member of Great Oaks Golf Club, Rochester, Michigan. Through all of this, his daughter Gail wrote "I learned how he valued being included in his community, helping others, and most of all, his love for God, our country and his family". His support and love was immeasurable, was always involved in our lives. Later on his life, Fred stayed involved going to dance recitals, baseball , football and basketball games, all for his grandchildren. "It was an honor to be his children and what he instilled in us with his love, Christ centered morals, values and acts of kindness and all of his values and morals are continuing in our family for three generations". His family will receive friends Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke on the north side of Hall Road) Utica, Michigan. Saturday, he will lie in state at 9:15 a.m. until the time of his Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Ave (one block north of Hall Road on the east side of Van Dyke), Utica. Interment Utica Cemetery, Utica, Michigan. Memorial contributions in memory of Fred appreciated to: Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica, Michigan 48317. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

In State

MAY 13. 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Services

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the service. I worked with Fred in the late 1980's just as he was ending his banking career and starting retirement. His wisdom, good nature and common sense made him a great colleague and even better friend. Trips to the mushroom farm, tugging on his ears, lunch at Great Oaks are all memories I cherish of my time with Fred.

Jane Sherzer

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“ Fred was a great man who will truly be missed. I enjoyed watching the wonderful friendship between Fred and my father, Bill Browning. They would tease each other and have great laughs. They also had deep talks about Christ and life. I remember when Fred, my mother, father and husband played golf in Florida. I rode along for fun. We laughed and laughed. He made people who were with him, feel special. I'm glad my dad and I were able to see him within the last few months. What a joyful man. Love you Fred.

Cathy Browning Miller

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