



## George D. Mertz

March 16, 1940 - March 20, 2008

George D. Mertz, 68, of Dearborn and formerly of Metamora, died March 20, 2008, at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. He was born March 16, 1940, in Detroit. Mr. Mertz was born and raised in Ferndale. He served in the U.S. National Guard and was a public safety officer for the city of Huntington Woods for 31 years. His hobbies included farming, bee keeping, fishing and making neon signs. Mr. Mertz is survived by his children, George J. Amy Mertz of Dearborn and Douglas Janet Mertz of Goodrich; stepchildren, Pamela Dorton of Madison, WI, Mary Scott Leineninger of Livonia and Sue Zoellner of Keego Harbor; sister, Faith Dick Mertz-Sanderson of Toledo, OH; granddaughter, Caroline and step-grandchildren, Charlie, Jony, Brandon, Fran, David, Michael, Zach and Jackie.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ *My deepest sympathy to George's entire family.*

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**C. Vincent Luzi** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. There are no words to fill the void when losing a loved one but I hope that George's family will heal with their memories.*

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**Joelene Brzezinski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Doug, Janet and family, Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We also wish you strength and peace during this very difficult time. Scott and Darby Hoppenstedt*

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**Scott Hoppenstedt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Some of my favorite memories with my father: When I was little about 7 or 8 he would go on his national guard weekends, when he came home he would let me play with his stuff. He would patiently unpack everything from his foot locker and I would "help" him. He would let me try everything on and it had this smell I will never forget, like beach sand and crackers. I would always ask for his rations of crackers and peanut butter and eat it like it was the best thing ever. I swam when I was in middle school on a swim team, he would always make me take a tablespoon of honey before each meet. He told me it would give me energy and make me win. I always did. I remember when my brother George was little, my father played the accordion. I loved it when he played and drove him crazy asking him to play it for me. He would play "when smoke gets in your eyes" and my brother George would cry instantly. It was highly entertaining. My father had a work area in the basement and he would work with wood down there, building bee hives, making things and working on projects. He bought me a wood burning kit for Christmas one year and he would let me use it on his work bench, it always made me feel special. I don't remember anyone else ever working down there with him. I have many good memories and touching moments that I have shared as a daughter. Some I wanted to share with other people that may visit this site to offer a "softer" side of George who I believe felt he had to be the tough "macho" man to the outside world. To My Father, who was also a Policeman, Fireman, National Guardsman, and Loving Husband.

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**Mary Leininger** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ May The Good Lord be with the famiy. Sincerely, Dean Holmes and family.

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**Dean Holmes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

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**Mary Ann Auspsetter Pepin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I used to play with "Georgie" on East Webster Street in Ferndale. It was a great thing when his Dad used to drive us all to school. I have fond memories of that time & my sympathy goes out to all of his family.*

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**Linda Dargus Granzow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *I was saddened to hear of George's passing. I worked with him in Huntington Woods from 1972 until his retirement. George was a good person with a big heart and great sense of fair play. Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss. Bill Allen*

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**Bill Allen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Doug & Janet, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time. God Bless you and your family, Dave & Carrie Berney*

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**David & Carrie Berney** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ George: I am very sad to hear of the loss of your father this past week. Hearing Timmy's message invoked an unpleasant feeling of emptiness and sorrow inside of me that I felt for you. I can't help but to reflect on my own family during times like these and realize how difficult it would be for me and how difficult it must be for you and your family. Although I never had the opportunity to meet your father, I know that he has raised an excellent son of high values and morals. Qualities that I have always admired in you. Please be strong George and know that you have been in my thoughts and will continue to be so in the coming days. Justin

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**Justin Crable** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM