



## Gerald D. Dewan

October 11, 1935 - June 27, 2019

Dewan, Gerald D., age 83, a resident of Rabbit Bay, MI since 1998, formerly of Milford, passed away June 27, 2019. He was born on October 11, 1935 in Detroit to the late Patrick and Laura (nee Austin) Dewan. Jerry loved the outdoors and being on the lake, reading, doing crossword puzzles-especially from the Mining Gazette, playing cards, listening to music and was very proud of his Irish heritage. He will be remembered for his wit and having a great sense of humor.

He was the beloved husband of the late Judith, who passed away on December 4, 2015. The couple married in Detroit on September 16, 1961. Loving father of Kathleen (Jim) Orlowski, Anne (Tim) McMahon, Mary (Kevin) McGlinchey and Dennis (Ylva Axelsson) Dewan. Proud grandfather of James, Cecilia, Robert and Colette Orlowski, Evan Allen and Brendan, Eileen and Finnegan McGlinchey. Dear brother of Marie Gossett, Jack Dewan, Patrick Dewan, the late Betty Harrison, Austin Dewan and Tom Dewan.

Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm with 7 pm Rosary at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Monday, in-state 9:30 am until time of Mass 10 am, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Burial will follow at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial contributions to Ste. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church, 1000 Ste. Anne St., Detroit, MI 48216 are appreciated.

Please share your memories of Jerry at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Rosary

JUN 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. There's never been a kinder, more gentle soul. And such a great sense of humor! I worked for Jerry long ago, for many years at ManHan, Fireman's Fund, and finally Source One. He was no doubt the best boss I ever worked for and a cherished mentor of life. My memories of those days, of him with Tim Sullivan and Don Boisvenue still make me smile... and laugh out loud. Our deepest sympathy to all Jerry's family and and to his many friends.  
All our love,  
Darel and Sara Dickens

---

Darel Dickens - June 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



---

June 30, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



---

June 29, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



June 29, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



June 28, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



June 28, 2019 at 07:43 PM



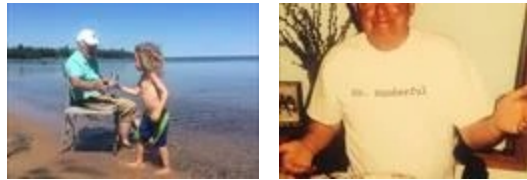
“ *The McMahon's, Joe, Dorothy, Chris and Vivienne* purchased the *Rose Romanesque Bouquet* for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



**The McMahon's, Joe, Dorothy, Chris and Vivienne** - June 28, 2019 at 03:39 PM

MM

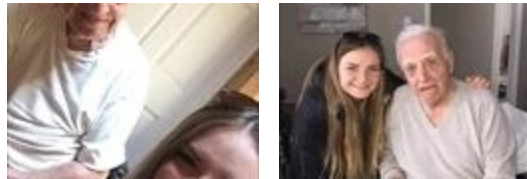
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary McGlinchey - June 28, 2019 at 02:25 PM

CO

“ Thank you for always taking me on the ATV after begging all day and teaching me how to waterskii on Lake Superior. You will be missed by many grandpa



cecilia orlowski - June 28, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



June 28, 2019 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary McGlinchey - June 28, 2019 at 08:38 AM

LW

“ Uncle Jer...so loved. Lading the blueberry pickers with their empty gallon plastic milk jugs off on an adventure into the Black Mountsins! Always feeling safe knowing he would take his time to get us up in water skis and circle around in front of the lot as many times as our little arms and legs could take it all the while Uncle Teen waving his arms from the bow of the boat. The two of them smiling at us and each other. Always a project at the lake... work to be done. So many beautiful memories. I will miss him so much.  
Leanne Wisniewski



Leanne Wisniewski - June 28, 2019 at 07:59 AM

MH

“ Oh boy! (In Jerrys tone of voice). He will truly be missed. I remember clearly the first day he came into Applewood, I received him and welcomed him with all joy in the world as he would be new member to our family. We shared many memories in the time spent with us and we will never forget him, his smile, his jokes and his sweet love he expressed for his family. He was grateful that we were with him as much as we were to have him in our care. - Caregiver Marisol

---

**Marisol Hernandez** - June 28, 2019 at 07:44 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

---

**Danielle** - June 27, 2019 at 11:40 PM

DA

“ Gerry will forever be loved and never forgotten, he has a special spot in all our hearts here at AppleWood!! With lots of love! Danielle (and AppleWood staff)

---

**Danielle** - June 27, 2019 at 11:34 PM

WK

“ With love to you all, Judy and Barrett Kalter purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gerald D. Dewan.



---

**With love to you all, Judy and Barrett Kalter** - June 27, 2019 at 10:46 PM

JK

“ So many happy memories of dear Uncle Jerry! His kindness to me changed my life. When I was going to College, I lived with Grandma Dewan and he and Judy would come every morning for us then take the John Lodge to downtown He would take the time to get off the freeway at Warren and make the circle to drop me on campus. most nights I would take the Woodward bus to American Savings where he and Grandma both worked then he would go get the car and pick us up on the corner. Without his help, I would never have made it through those years of undergrad! Thank you so much Uncle Jerry!

Grandma was a PBX telephone operator on the 3rd floor of that building and Jerry worked in the basement on what was then these huge computers that used punch cards. One time he brought me a box of the punched chads I took them to a football game at Southfield High (this was before I had graduated H S) Everyone was having a great time throwing them around the grandstands until people started to choke on them and it created quite a mess and on Monday morning PA it was announced that this should never happen again!

I remember "Organized Sports" that we were all forced to play, usually wiffle ball or tag football out in Black Lake on Summer vacation--one year Pat and Jerry drove up to Manistee in the U P, where my dad had rented this big old house on the lake==there was plenty of room. Once again Jerry got us all playing "Organized Sports"!

Some of his stories still bring a smile; like his retelling of Mass at this old rock church on the way to Cheboygan from Black Lake where he had rented a cottage with others and Grandma. Can't remember much of the story but we were all laughing at him saying the priest's retelling the Last Supper when Jerry had one of the Disciples "carting away the empties"! (Funny the little tidbits one remembers.)

My brother Micheal once told me how he remembers going over to

*Jerry and Judy's new house on 8&1/2 Mile, just the block behind our house on Midway and playing games in the basement and Aunt Judy would always make them milkshakes and how import that memory was to him.*

*When They moved to Rabbit Bay my son Barrett and I visited them one summer and he drove us all to Copper Harbor to watch the bears at the dump. On the way there we stopped for a picnic of baked beans and hot dogs we roasted then swan in Lake Superior at this beach that had pink and white sand stone rock that the blue-green water had eroded into deep holes where you could sit on the edges--it was so beautiful! Later he brought me home one of those smooth marbled pink stones that I put in my flower garden.*

*Like I said; so may good memories; I suppose he and Pat pushed my carriage around Clark Park when my mom lived there right after WWII. on Vinewood maybe? Oh the stories about skipping school he would tell! or the ones about the nuns!!! One time he and Pat took my sister Linda and I ( we were very little kids) to see Jack The Ripper! I had nightmares for weeks! We will all miss our Uncle Jerry God Bless him.*

---

**Judith Harrison Kalter** - June 27, 2019 at 10:19 PM

MM

*Judy, love all of these stories! Thank you for sharing. My dad adored you. 😊*

---

**Mary McGlinchey** - June 27, 2019 at 11:27 PM