



Gordon C. Briggs

February 15, 1927 - January 13, 2013

Gordon C. Briggs, age 85, a resident of Royal Oak for 55 years, died January 13, 2013 in Clarkston. He was born February 15, 1927 in Dearborn to the late Willis and Blanche Briggs. Mr. Briggs was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific. He was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in Royal Oak. He previously worked for Beaver Precision Products for 27 years and then retired from Eonic, Inc. in Detroit. He is survived by his children, Gordon Sue Briggs of Waterford, Glenn Jennifer Briggs of Farmington Hills, Gregory Theresa Briggs of Dexter, Gail Briggs of Berkley, Gary Nancy Briggs of Royal Oak and Gina Jim Seery of Clarkston; grandchildren, Amy Dave Hernandez, Gordon Clair "Jake" Amie Briggs III, Blane Briggs, Jason Briggs, Jennifer Rick Detkowski, Ryan Michelle Briggs, Adam Briggs, Chelsea Briggs, Matthew Seery, Steven Seery and David Jerri Seery; and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine E. Briggs, on July 23, 1996; and siblings, Willis Briggs, Betty Hull, Joseph "Pat" Briggs and Josephine Shaw. The visitation will be Thursday 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Briggs will lie in state Friday 10 a.m. until the time of service 11 a.m. at Prince of Glory Lutheran Church in Madison Heights. The burial will take place at Glen Eden Memorial Park West in Livonia. Memorials to Prince of Glory Lutheran Church are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Greg, Theresa and all the Briggs, Sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts are with you.

Joe & Diane Wright - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Gary and Nancy and The Briggs Family, We will always remember your dad as part of the welcoming crew at all the great parties at Gary and Nancy's. He always had a joke to tell and the first to shake your hand. We are sorry for your loss of your father and a man who served his country. May God Bless you All

Art and Roxann Versace - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Gary – We were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He was such a great man; he loved life, loved his family and loved Royal Oak. It's so hard to lose your parents - it doesn't matter how old you are - it seems like they should be there to watch over you always. Well, his influence will never leave you - it's evidenced in the way he raised you, the way you raised your kids, the kind of wonderful marriage you have, and in the way you've devoted yourself to the community - it's all a testimony to his greatness, which is why he will live on in our hearts and minds forever. I'm sorry I didn't see him recently but I cherish the last conversation that we had.

Marie Donigan and Kevin McLogan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sorry to hear of your father's passing, Gordy, and your grandfather, Jake. May the love of your gathered family, during this celebration of his life, help lessen the sadness. Thinking of you both, Love, Christy & Barry

Christy & Barry Schwartz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I wanted to say we are so sorry for your loss. Not to long ago while sitting at my computer working in the evening my Skype started ringing and it was Gordon! We had a great conversation about his trip to his Navy reunion. I was glad we had the time to chat, it reminded me of conversations I had with Grandpa Joe. Now they are all together again. God Bless.

Anthony Kiszka - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Gary, I'm so sorry for the passing of your Dad. My heart goes out to you. I remember him most as a friendly welcoming man to the new kid on the block. Your whole family is a testament to his character and Gordon leaves a tremendous legacy behind in the entire Briggs family. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Richard Lewis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Glenn~ May your entire family find peace as you console one another and share your memories about your dad. Let the prayers offered lift you up, comfort and surround you in love.

Ann Hogan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ My heart felt sympathy goes out to all. I would like to take the time to remember Uncle Gordon as I remember him, a very genuine man with a great sense of humor. He was a very caring person and I have fond memories as a kid visiting him. He was always willing to talk to you and he seemed to embrace life in so many ways. What really amazed me and sticks in my mind the most was receiving a friend request from Uncle Gordon on Facebook! Uncle Gordon, you will always be my friend and have a place in my heart.

Alan May Jr. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Glenn, Jennifer and family Condolences on your loss. I will blow a kiss to the mountains for your dad like I do for all who have left us every day. It is an Aunt pat thing we had. Prayers and good thoughts for you guys.

Dan Hogan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Greg, Theresa and all the Briggs family, our thoughts and sympathies are with you at this time of loss. Sincerely, Bill and Cheryl and family.

Bill and Cheryl Wagner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family

Cheryl Kilinski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Uncle Gordon was a wonderful man, there wasn't a life he didn't better by proximity. My deepest condolences to all of you, I hope his love lives on in your hearts & you carry his lessons through life.

Josephine Sawatzki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ Dear Briggs Family, I would like to offer my condolences to all of you in the loss of your father and grandfather. I had the privilege of seeing Gordon quite a few times in the last decade at civic, historical, and veteran functions. He always had a warm and wonderful smile. I thank Gordon for his WWII service on behalf of our country, and Honor Flight Michigan. The "Greatest Generation" has lost another Veteran. Take good care of each other, and share the cherished memories of his life as often as you can. Strength will be in your love as a family he proudly called his own. With Sincere Sympathy, Cathy

Cathy Naas Zimmerman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ My deepest condolences to the kids and all of Gordon's family. I will always remember his kindness and great humor.

Patricia Insley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ For the entire Briggs family: Please accept our sincerest condolences. It seems like the end of an era, with the loss of such a lovely man and Royal Oak resident. Be comforted by the memory of his incredible life and the legacy of a fine family.

Ellen and Bob Doster - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *What a good man Gordon was - a good friend to my parents, John & Evelyn Meissner, with whom he worked at Beaver Precision. I loved the way he would joke, and tell great stories. My deepest and warmest thoughts to his family, in this very great loss.*

Nancy Meissner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Dear Gary, I am very sorry to hear of your father's passing. I read his obituary and was very impressed with his accomplishments and his family. I am Lutheran as well. Best wishes to you and all of your brothers and sisters. Sincerely, Anna Richert Orchestra and Vocal Music Teacher Royal Oak Schools*

Anna Richert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *So sad to hear of Uncle Gordons passing. I am thinking about all of you right now and hoping God will bring you peace in your hearts.*
Sandy

Sandra Briggs Sawatzki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *Dear Gary, Nancy, and the Briggs Family. So very sorry to hear the news. Sending my prayers and condolence for your great loss. May he shine down upon you. XO*

Gina Vanderhoff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Gordon, you've left me. You left me with a lot of sadness, but you left me with so many memories, and that I'll cherish for the days that I have left. You were a big part of my life and I'll truly miss my days with you.

Jerry Barton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Gordon was kind when my boys were babies and we lived near them. He will be missed by his family and all of us that knew him. He was very proud of all the boys and Gina....

Mary Briggs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Gail: Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Know that he will be with you always.

Jan Kobert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To the Briggs Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Grandpa Briggs always gave you a warm greeting with a big hug. He would keep you laughing with his amusing stories, it was fun being around him. I hope your many fond memories of him will help you through this difficult time. Debbie Adair

Debbie Adair - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Gina and Jim, Our deepest condolences to you and your family. This is a sad time, but also one of celebration and looking back at great memories. Hang in there. Doris and Wally

Doris & Wally - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Gordon was an amazing guy. I can recall so many dinners at the Briggs' house with him. He was so much fun to be around. We will all miss him, and we will all remember him, clearly and with love.

Pam Bordy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ To the Briggs family, Having lost our parents we know what you all must be feeling and send our condolences. I had the pleasure of meeting Gordon a few times and I will always remember him and be glad I knew him.

Art & Sue Marcum - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ To All my cousins: I Love my Uncle Gordy. He and I had a special bond at least he made me feel that way What a wonderful MAN! He called me often and came to visit, and now there is another Void in our lives. We all know he is being welcome in heaven by all his relatives and friends there already. Love you all, Linda

Linda Briggs Kiszka - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Gail, I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad but if he was anything like you he must've been a helluva guy! My thoughts are with you and your family and may you find peace in knowing he has been reunited with your mum!

Gina Fraser - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I will always remember Gordon because of his honesty, delightful humor, and infectious laugh. Although he will be sorely missed, the memories of him will live on in his children, grand-children, and all those who knew him. Prayers and sympathy to his family for their significant loss.

Jan Kollins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Gina, Jim, Matt, Steven and David, Our thoughts are with you and your family. May you find comfort in the love of those you hold close. Love, Karen, Bryan, Scott and Evan

Karen and Bryan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Certainly seems like Gordon had an amazing life, and I know he had an amazing and loving family! My condolences for his loss and I know his memory and spirit will live on in all of you.

Jim Rasor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Gina and family, My heart is aching for all of you today. Your Dad was such a special guy and I am honored to have known him for so long. I have great memories of his love of music and listening to him proudly play the organ in the living room of his Royal Oak home. His great wit, sense of humor and charm will be greatly missed. Much love and prayers, Jackie Benson

Jackie Benson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sending love, hugs, & prayers to all of the family, especially to my dear friend Gina - I know how much you loved him. As you know I would say, remember and be grateful for all the beautiful times you shared with him. You had one of the best father/daughter relationships I've ever seen. Your love of him always stood out!! It reminds me so much of me and my dad-that I remember too from the first time I met him! God Bless you with peace during this time. Love from us to you and the rest of the family.

Maggie & Lee Barclay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ With our deepest sympathy we are thinking of you and your family.

Barb and Tim Trammel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZM

“ To the family: We are very sorry for your loss...and we appreciate the loving relationship that one has with a parent because it's like no other. May you continue to hold your memories in your heart and be surrounded by the love of your family. Sincerely, Zoe and Howard Marcus

Zoe and Howard Marcus - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Gordon's passing. He was a good man with a great big heart and an incredible sense of humor. Always such a joy to be around. I'll never forget when Mike and I were living in Royal Oak and Uncle Gordon came by for a visit and brought along a case of tacos from Taco Bell to share. : We sat in our kitchen and ate tacos and chatted for a couple of hours about everything under the sun. That must have been over 10 years ago and I still think back fondly of that day. I can imagine his smile when he saw Aunt Geri waiting for him. What a joyous reunion that must have been! All our love, Mike and Terri May Stocke

Terri May Stocke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathy. Jory and Joan Hite

Jory Hite - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ To the family, I've know your father most of my life and can say without a doubt he was a character and alot of fun & teasing went on between us. I could always rely on a great big hug from him and his wonderful smile; not to mention a little smooch on the side. He will be missed I know by everyone who loved and appreciated the kind and gentle man he was. Gary and I miss him already. You all have our hearts and prayers at this most difficult time. Love & much sympathy, Gary & Linda Cairns

Gary & Linda Cairns - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Loving parents are so special in our lives. May God be with you and comfort you today and always!
Love, Sid and Maureen

Sid and Maureen Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Mr. Gordon was such a kind and caring neighbor. He always had a joke for my husband and I. Our children enjoyed his company outside during the summer months. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family.*

Miro and Crista Leija - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM