



Harold Kuntze

November 26, 1929 - February 28, 2022

Harold Kuntze, age 92, passed away on February 28, 2022. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Werenski). Loving father of Ronald Kuntze, Debra Hays, Robert Kuntze, Jeffery Parisi and Andrea (George) Stegeman. Proud grandfather of Makia, Graham, James, Emmanuel, Decel Joy and Samuel.

Harold is best remembered for his great sense of humor. He entertained his coworkers and employees in his long career in the automotive paint business in Detroit-as a manager in the factory at ACME and Inmont, and later as a sales executive with Pittsburgh Paints and BASF. Harold enjoyed a long retirement traveling, visiting family, boating and tubing, driving antique cars, and taking on major home improvement and major building projects. He continued to play in Texas Hold-em tournaments and shoot billiards into his 90's (and was pretty darn good!). A full, active and entertaining life that put a smile on the faces of all who knew him.

A visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Sunday (March 6th) from 12pm until the time of service at 2pm. Donations may be made to the organization of your choice. Please share a memory with his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
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Funeral Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Harold was my stepfather he was a very good man to me and my sister. He was a wonderful husband to my mother. I greatly admired his dedication to helping people. I will truly miss him and I can only hope that everybody sees him in very similar light as I do.* ”

Jeff Parisi - March 14, 2022 at 05:51 PM

“ Reminiscences of my Father—Harold Kuntze

I asked my mother if my father had any big dreams when he was younger or any major accomplishments that maybe he hoped to accomplish—and she immediately and pretty matter of factly said “He did everything he ever wanted to do”

And so maybe that the summation of a life well-lived and enjoyed—something we’d like folks to say about ourselves: He quite simply did everything he ever wanted to do.

My father truly enjoyed life—laughter—people—sports—travel—working and playing outside—on the water—camping/fishing/boating when younger— ice skating on the ice rink he created for the whole neighborhood in our yard when I was young—even up in the treehouse he built for us in Madison Heights —probably the best treehouse in the city (long before there were TV shows about this kind of thing....). Dad’s in the 60’s didn’t build 225 sq. ft treehouses with open windows and wooden stairs going up 15 ft—my dad did- probably took a month or two to build.

He loved parties and family get-togethers—and was quite the entertainer at all those events—he loved restaurants—movies--comedy clubs (when younger) and was so active—line dancing for a bit—archery—water skiing—football games (had Lions season tix) —baseball games (took me to my first game—and a decade of opening day Tiger games thereafter---despite not really being a huge baseball fan. He he did this for me, because I loved baseball and the Tigers.

Harold was a family man—with several families over the decades—our days watching Disney every Sunday night as a family—watching the moon landing in 1969— he took us to the movies—generally drive-ins when we were kids- Swiss Family Robinson, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—we sat down close to the screen and flew with the car.

Dad loved Wrapping Christmas gifts, and buying us the best toys—

often so he could play those toys with us—and after we had moved on to the next toy, he and Earl Hubbard would play with the race track, or the model train, or the Lost in Space Robot--- whatever provided the greatest utility to the boy at heart.

So much of what I am and what I enjoy is because of my dad— my dad introduced me to movies— he and I were a team watching all the Clint Eastwood spaghetti westerns, Bond movies— Charles Bronson—he took me to see Patton when I was nine and I promptly started using the “F” word (a word he never used...).

My dad taught me to swim, to ride a bike, shoot pool, drive a boat, took me to see stand up comedians in my early twenties and is principally responsible for my sense of humor.

Like my dad I go for long walks every day—and like that time alone with my thoughts. So many of my behaviors and loves (walking on a beach, the water, exploring, outdoors) and almost all the key elements of my life today. My drive, my competitiveness—and yes again- my sense of humor started with Harold Kuntze.

But mainly, and most importantly, you were always there for me— when I needed you—and I’m going to miss you terribly—

Ronald Kuntze

Ronald Kuntze - March 12, 2022 at 05:11 PM

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“*Mike and I are praying and sending support for you this past week and the weeks to come. We are sorry we are out of town and can’t tell you in person. Please know we are thinking of you and your family. Love and Blessings, Mike and Karen Maloney*

Karen Maloney - March 06, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Harold Kuntze.



March 05, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Harold Kuntze.



March 04, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Harold Kuntze.



March 03, 2022 at 06:48 PM