



Harry J. Cavanaugh

December 19, 1924 - June 3, 2017

Cavanaugh, Harry J., age 92, passed away June 3, 2017. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen (Jones). Dear father of Maureen (Bruce) Ruhl, Larry (Marie), Colleen (John Charles) Monti, Theresa (George) Elson, Marietta (Paul) Joliat, Carolyn (Carlo) Ginotti, and Bridget (Robert) Reed. Brother of the late Cornelius "Pat" (the late Joan), Jean Marie (the late Donald) Rosenbach, and the late Leo (the late Corinne). Proud grandfather of Michael, Melissa, Marnie, Meghan, Molly, Marie, Mark, Morgan, Erin, Caitlin, Ellen, Jack, Joe, Jayne, Sarah, Geoffrey, Gordon, Jillian, Catherine, Andrew, Carlo, Sophia, John, Ryan, Zack, Allison, Abby, Jacob, Rachael, Joe, Robert, Sam, and Rebecca. Great-grandfather of Kelsey, Serena, Jackson, Eleanor, Wyatt, Max, Dylan, Reese, George, Tessa, Kate, Gabriel, Evelyn, Caelin, Brennan, Aidan, Erin, Jacob, Madison, Michaela, Tyler, Trevor, Brea, and Ivan.

Harry made his home in Royal Oak his entire life and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, as well as a member of the Royal Oak Historical Society and the Royal Oak American Legion, Post 253. He was also a proud Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 3rd Cavalry Regiment in the European Theater and earning four battle stars, one Purple Heart, and the French Legion of Honor Medal. He later retired from the U.S. Postal Service after thirty-eight years of service. In his leisure time, Harry enjoyed playing golf, bowling, gardening, and researching genealogy.

Visitation Tuesday 2-8 pm with a Rosary and scripture service 7 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Wednesday 9:30 am until the time of Mass 10 am at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica or Royal Oak Historical Society Museum are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
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Rosary

JUN 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

MD

“ My condolences to the family. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

Ms. Dee - June 11, 2017 at 05:47 AM

CP

“ I was fortunate to live next door to Harry and Mary Ellen for five years. Although we had a nearly six-decade age difference I could not have asked for better neighbors. I remember him as a very humble man who was immensely proud of his family. He is who I think of when I hear the term “Greatest Generation”.

Chris Parsons - June 06, 2017 at 07:13 PM

TF

“ The entire Frade Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.



The entire Frade Family - June 06, 2017 at 01:10 PM

JW

“ John and Lauri Willis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.



John and Lauri Willis - June 06, 2017 at 12:57 PM

GB

“ I knew my sister's husband, Harry was dealing with health issues for some time, yet it hit me hard when I learned of his passing. He was someone who was always there for me as a kid growing up. He taught me to swim, he sold me his 1947 Chevy for forty bucks on my 16th birthday. He inspired me to go bowling , told me about a job I could get setting pins at St Mary's bowling alley. He even rescued me later when another car I bought broke down at 11 O'clock at night in Highland Michigan when I was a high school senior and late taking my girlfriend home from a date. I knew Harry would understand and come and rescue me. He showed up with a laugh , a smile and a joke. He got us home. I could go on but I just want to end with saying that Harry was a man who did not search for wealth, rank or honor but for personal worth and character. Thank you Harry for being a good husband to my sister, a good dad to your kids and just a good all around person to the rest of us. May you watch many good football games in heaven. Love George

George Jones , brother-in-law - June 05, 2017 at 11:37 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.



June 05, 2017 at 08:57 PM

DB

“ Harry was a great guy! Such a good and kind man and fun to be with and I have so many fond memories of him. As a young girl, I felt so proud when he would deliver mail to our house. A war hero! He married my big sister Mary Ellen--he so handsome and she so pretty. So many years; so many memories! Will remember him always!

Donna (Jones) Born - June 05, 2017 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ Mary Kay Davies Mahaffey and Annie Beaver. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.



Mary Kay Davies Mahaffey and Annie Beaver. - June 05, 2017 at 08:28 AM

SM

“ I am sorry for your family's loss. Please accept my condolences. It is hard to lose someone you love. You can find comfort from reading the scriptures at Isaiah 25:8 and Isaiah 41:10,14



Shellie Miller - June 05, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.



June 04, 2017 at 10:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.*



June 04, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry J. Cavanaugh.*



June 04, 2017 at 05:14 PM