



Harvey J. Groesbeck

February 26, 1920 - December 27, 2013

Groesbeck, Harvey J. Age 93. December 27, 2013.

Beloved husband of 68 years of Loretta. Loving father of Lynn Slawomer Omiecinski, Beth, Diane Tim Mills, and the late Mary. Brother of Charles Irene, Alice, the late Eugenia Gilbert Conley, Noah Millie, Irene Ernest Conley, Clarence Helen, Bernadine Carl Pallas, and Rosemary Klien. Brother-in-law of Edward Klien. He was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Clementine. Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm with scripture service 3 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Monday, in-state 9:30 am until time of Mass, 10:00 am National Shrine of the Little Flower. Harvey was an Army Air Force veteran 1939-1945, and was one of the first to serve in the European Theatre in WWII. He met his bride at the U.S.O. in New Orleans. Harvey had a great personality and memory. He loved to spin stories and tell jokes. He also enjoyed singing, playing piano and guitar and he was a lot of fun! Mr. Groesbeck was in sales most of his adult career and was a natural at it. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, gardening and was a great handyman. He loved to travel and journeyed to New Orleans every year. Share you memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I remember taking my Dad and Harvey pheasant hunting when they were both about seventy years old. And the old boys could still hit their birds. When we got to the end of the first 40 acre field, I told them to sit tight and I would take our 4 birds back to my Suburban . When I got back to where I left them both guys and my hunting dog were out cold taking a nap in the autumn sunshine. We had quite a day, so when we got back to my house I offered to have Harvey spend the night because he had a 2 hour drive to get home. His immediate response was he could not spend a night away from Loretta. They were constant loving companions. I will always fondly remember the time we spent together. He was one of a kind.

Jeff Klien - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ A huge void has been left in the hearts of those who knew and loved my dear Great Uncle Harvey. Living in New Orleans gave my husband Leo and I the distinct advantage of being on Harvey and Loretta's family tour on their numerous trips there to visit Loretta's family. It was always a surprise phone call to tell us they were in town and wanted to see us. We'd be thrilled and always felt honored that Uncle Harvey made a point of making sure they visited us, a distant great niece. They had much on their schedule so we always packed a lot of catching up into a quick few hour visit at our home or a local restaurant. Uncle Harvey's ever pleasant, effervescent personality, contagious laughter, and genuine big heart was simply a delight to be around. He would always entertain us with his endless life stories, so many of which I'm sad to say will be missed forever now. Leo, being a private pilot, loved talking to Harvey about flying and Harvey would share many of his fascinating Army Air Force stories. He never ceased to amaze us with his adventurous life and spirit. We marveled at his love of being on the road, no matter what his age. He thought nothing of loading luggage and his true love, Loretta, in the car and driving across country from MI to LA on the spur of the moment. After arriving back home Harvey would oftentimes cut out and mail us newspaper clippings of something we might have discussed on our visit, something he knew would interest us. Harvey took a genuine interest in those around him and made them feel special, and that's quite a gift. He was a treasure that is now lost, but never to be forgotten. He made an indelible mark on all who knew him and loved him dearly. We will miss his huge smile that now shines down on us from his place in heaven.

Lawrie & Leo Williams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I was blessed to have both Uncle Harvey and Aunt Loretta as my God Parents. Time spent with both of them was always a joy. So many memorable moments. Recollections from early in my life, as well as later when they advanced in years, the occasions were always fun filled. And even later in their lives, when illness compounded age, their amazing constitutions and love of life were still vividly evident. To exhibit their strength of character and perseverance, I've posted several pictures on this site, of Aunt Loretta and Uncle Harvey enjoying life and exhibiting their deep abiding love for one another during very recent years. All taken in their 90's. Hope everyone enjoys them. I surely cherish the memories.

Renee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Groesbeck family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one Harvey Groesbeck. From personal experience I know that the death of a loved one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest.

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ It was always a joy spending time with Uncle Harvey. As has been mentioned by others, his stories and jokes were a source of great fun. Some of his stories had to do with his experiences in the Army Air Force. He was especially proud of serving in the AAF. If I made the mistake of saying he had served in the Air Force, he always corrected me by reminding me gently that it was the "Army" Air Force. My wife, daughter, and I, in the company of my Aunt Alice Groesbeck, were lucky to have visited with Uncle Harvey and Aunt Loretta just a few weeks ago. The health issues he was dealing with made it difficult for him to speak, but you should have seen the smile on his face when we arrived! It lit up the room and warmed our hearts! So, the last memory I have of dear Uncle Harvey will be one of the best because his wonderful personality and good humor continued to shine through until the very end. We will miss him as will all of his friends and loved ones. Heartfelt sympathy to Aunt Loretta, Lynn, Beth, Diane, Aunt Alice, and Uncle Chuck. God bless.

Terry Groesbeck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Al and I were neighbors of Harvey and Loretta. They lived directly behind us. Harvey was always out tending to his yard. He would tell us the most wonderful stories of the past and we'd share our garden riches. We kinda looked out for him when Loretta went into the hospital a few years back. We missed him when he left to live with his Daughter and will be truly missed now that he is gone. R.I P old friend, you were a delight.

Allan & Sheri Carrier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was a neighbor of Harvey and Loretta for 13 years in Eastpointe. After moving away in 1992, if I was in their part of town, I stopped by to see them. I always missed talking to him about cars or how to fix something. Sad to say, I now realize that I have not been by there for awhile.

Steve Hemmen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ My condolences on your fathers passing. Uncle Harvey was always a favorite of mine. He was the life of any party. I will cherish fond memories of him & hold dear the counsel & advice he gave me over the years. I consider him to be the person who first sparked my interest in politics & inspired me to run for elected office as he did himself on occasion. Unlike myself, he was able to parlay family name into political success when he was first appointed to the Macomb Community College Board of Trustees & elected to a couple terms subsequently. I also had the pleasure of fishing with him over the years which was always an adventure! He will be missed, particularly at the annual family holiday luncheon next week.

Eugene Groesbeck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM