



James Walter Caldwell

August 10, 1923 - February 16, 2010

James W. Caldwell, age 86, a resident of Rochester Hills, formerly of Royal Oak, died February 16, 2010 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born August 10, 1923 in Imlay City. Mr. Caldwell was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific as a pilot. He was a lifelong pianist, piano teacher and piano tuner. He was the organist at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. He also played the organ at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak for 39 years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen E. Jones Caldwell; the couple married January 19, 1946 in Minneapolis, MN; children, Peggy Patrick Dennen of White Lake, MI, Stephen Brenda Caldwell, D.D.S. of Derry, NH, Daniel Jeri Caldwell of Whittaker, MI, Robert fiancée Katherine Pena Caldwell of Belmont, CA and Catherine Greg Boyd of Royal Oak, MI; grandchildren, Jennifer Sztumerski, Michael, Elena, James and Lindsay Caldwell; and great grandchildren, Alex, Samantha and Travis. The visitation will be Thursday 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. rosary at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Caldwell will lie in state Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham. The burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or William Beaumont Hospice, The Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

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“Helen, you and Jim were such wonderful friends to my Parents and Chris & I. The musical legacy has been passed on to our kids, Lauren is an art teacher, married to a musician! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as they have often been through the years. Love, Kathi

Kathi Severts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Jim to the Judd family was very special to all of us. He was our brother as our brothers lived miles away in Canada. We loved the many adventures he and Helen took us on for some 40 or more years. May there be a special place for Jim in his life beyond. God bless Helen and all their family. Love you all.

Irwin and Chris Judd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“My sincerest condolences go out to Helen my wonderful mother-in-law and the Caldwell family. Jim will be missed terribly by all of us who knew him as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was so proud of each and every one of them. It's an honor to be part of this close knit family. May the memories of happy family trips and gatherings give you comfort during this difficult time. I cherish all of mine. He was the music in this family.

Brenda Caldwell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM