



Joel Ramon Holcombe

March 9, 1933 - March 19, 2020

Joel Ramon Holcombe, age 87, of Hazel Park, March 19, 2020.

Joel was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He also served as a Hazel Park auxiliary police officer. He retired from Birmingham Public Schools, where he served as a bus driver for over ten years. In his free time, he loved to bowl and tinker with watches.

Beloved husband of the late Astrid. Loving father of Susanne (the late Daniel) Berlinger, Joel (Scarlet) Holcombe, Hilding (Stacie) Holcombe, and Elise (Matt) Tilley. Dear grandfather of Joel III, Beth, Chris, Kari, Erica (Branden), Samantha (Tim), Rebecca, Caitlyn, Joshua, Emily, Lucas, Ian, and Kristina.

Visitation Thursday, March 26, 1 p.m. until time of service, 4 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks E. of Woodward).

Memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project are appreciated.

To share a memory, and for potential changes due to COVID-19, please see www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

**To access an audio stream of the funeral service, please click the "Photos and Videos" tab above, shortly before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, and then click on the applicable video start button.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Funeral Service

MAR 26. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ *There are angels that walk around on this earth posing as people. To me Joel was one of them. He and Bunny moved next door to me during one of the darkest times in my life. My favorite memory is seeing his garage light on late at night and going to sit with him while he whittled his infamous walking sticks. We truly enjoyed each other's company. We could talk about anything and everything. Some nights we solved world problems and sometimes he shared his endless stories about his experiences throughout his life. I learned a lot from this sweet man and will forever miss him. He's now with the love of his life and that is what I know he wanted most.*



Karen Kostello - March 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM

PD

“ *Holcombe Family, In the midst of your sorrow, grief and mourning may the Lord lift you up, give to you His comfort and peace, and remind you once again that in Christ death is a temporary parting. That we who believe will be reunited in life forever by Jesus side. My family will continue to pray for you all in the coming days - for peace, comfort, hope, and assurance of life with Jesus. The Lord loves and so do we. Phill, Kristi, Katie & Marcus DeVries*

Phillip DeVries - March 26, 2020 at 04:36 PM



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Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - March 26, 2020 at 03:56 PM

JO

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joel - March 26, 2020 at 03:20 PM

CO

“ Elise, I'm so sorry for your loss, My thought and prayers are with you and your family.

Cory

cory - March 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM

SH

“ Elise, You have my deepest condolences in the loss of your father. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Sabrina Harris - March 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.



March 25, 2020 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ *Mr. Holcombe was a kind man. At family gatherings, he and I would have long conversations about his watch collection and our shared interests in everything Chrysler Mopar. If Chrysler Mopar has a Hall of Fame, Mr. Holcomb should be inducted. He will be missed. Rest In Peace, Mr. Holcombe.*

Brian Berlinger

Brian Berlinger - March 25, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SF

“ *Susan Ficarro purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.*



Susan Ficarro - March 24, 2020 at 01:10 PM

SF

“ *I have so enjoyed hearing Hilding talk about his Dad over the years and know he will be missed. My heart goes out to all of you.*

Susan Ficarro

Susan Ficarro - March 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.*



March 23, 2020 at 07:15 PM

RS

“ I first met Joel when I was a new employee at Michigan Bell in 1977. He had been there for a few years and was ready to help out anyone that had questions about a particularly tricky task. He would help anyone, regardless of how busy he was--a wonderful quality. Our careers went in different directions, but we stayed in touch.

Joel was tremendously proud of his family and took great pride in seeing his children grow up and do well in life. There was no doubt that Joel and his late wife Bunny truly loved each other. He sent me a Christmas card last year and signed it Joel and Bunny. He explained at the bottom of the card that she was still alive in his heart.

Joel always looked for the good in people. He helped a lot of people without telling anyone. My father was a WWII veteran and Joel told me of benefits available to him, that I was unaware of. My dad applied for those benefits and got a check every month till his passing; it was a nice addition to my parents' income. Not too long ago Joel met a homeless Navy veteran and took him to the Veterans Administration to get the benefits he had earned. He made a huge difference in that veteran's life.

Joel had a great sense of humor, a good outlook on life and will be missed by many.

Bob Simpson

ROBERT SIMPSON - March 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.



March 22, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Dennis and Connie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.



Dennis and Connie - March 22, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Joel Holcomb was like a second father to me I will miss him very much. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers just remember your dad your grandpa your grandpa loved all of you very very much he's at peace now he's up in heaven now with his wife that he always adored and loved may God help you all through this time of grief take care love always. Dee (Danette) Daigle. 🙏🙏💔💔💔💔

Dee (Danette) Daigle - March 20, 2020 at 09:57 PM



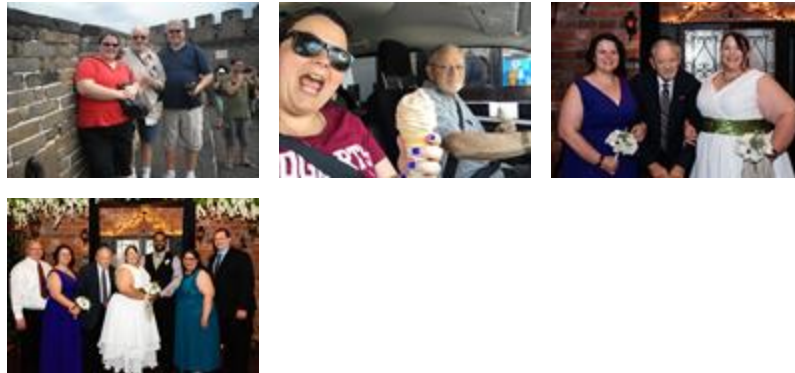
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Samantha - March 20, 2020 at 03:25 PM

EH

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Elizabeth Holcombe - March 20, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JH

Joel, I am so sorry your father has passed away. One day, we will all be together again. Lord, please give my friend and his family comfort at this time. Amen

Jackie Herring-Prescott - March 21, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joel Ramon Holcombe.*



March 20, 2020 at 11:13 AM