

Joseph H. Bettendorf Jr.

September 23, 1926 - July 16, 2019

Joseph H. Bettendorf, Jr. was born September 23, 1926 in Royal Oak to Joseph and Miriam (Smith) Bettendorf. A lifelong resident of Royal Oak, Joe was a 1944 graduate of St. Mary's High School. He worked for General Motors in the Fisher Building before joining the Navy. He served his country during WWII in 1945-1946. On November 20, 1948 he married Loraine Kerr and made their home in Royal Oak. Loraine preceded him in death on September 5, 2009 after over 60 years of marriage. Joseph retired from General Motors, Fisher Body Division, Warren Tech Center in 1982, after 38 years of employment in automotive design. He was an avid bowler and golfer and ran the GM Fisher Body Retirees bowling league for many years after retirement. He accomplished a hole in one at Wolverine Golf Course on July 28, 1992! On July 16, 2019, Mr. Bettendorf passed away at the age of 92 at the Devonshire Retirement Village in Lapeer. Loving father of Debra (Dale) Honold, Daniel (Cindy) Bettendorf, and Linda (Bruce) Shaw. Proud grandfather of Derek (Cindy) Honold, Deanne (Chris) Bohinski, Kevin Bettendorf, Keith Bettendorf, Katelynne Bettendorf, Angela (Ron) Cyrus, Megan (Jeff) Bishop and great grandchildren: Brendan and Emilie Bohinski, Taylor, Bethany and Erin Honold, Ryan Griswald Bettendorf and Bentley Bettendorf Toner, Seth and Addison Powers, Haley and Ryan Bishop. Dear brother of the late Nancy (the late Bob) Kerns and Joanne (the late Bill) Snyder. Visitation Friday 4-7 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Private burial. Memorial

contributions to Residential Hospice are appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of your Father Dan. Sounds like he had a long and active life of which I am sure you have many lasting memories from. He certainly had a lot to be proud of with you and your family.

Chuck Turner
Midland MI

Chuck Turner - July 19, 2019 at 02:47 PM

LP

“ Lynn Hardcastle & family, Mel Post & Pily. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. Bettendorf Jr..



Lynn Hardcastle & family, Mel Post & Pily. - July 18, 2019 at 06:09 PM

YG

“ I will never forget Mr Bettendorf and his kindness. When Linda and I were young and involved in Girl Scouts he always participated and helped with things my dad didn't know how to do. I remember a particular canoe trip where we faced some rapids—very minor rapids but to Linda and I they looked very intimidating. He calmly hung onto a tree branch and convinced us both that we would survive. Needless to say we did survive (didn't tip over either). I am thankful that I had those experiences—he taught us both a lot.

Yvonne Gresnick - July 17, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Bettendorf Jr..



July 17, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ Linda Loucks purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph H. Bettendorf Jr..



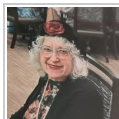
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Linda Loucks - July 17, 2019 at 06:04 PM



Joe was a long time coworker of my father Thomas Gladych. They had not only that in common, they shared Mary Jo Goddard, who was Joe's caregiver who he recommended to my parents. The picture I shared is of a Father's Day dinner at Rose Senior Living, Mary Jo brought Joe to visit my Dad as she often did, and Dad was always happy to see him. My father passed in 2017, and I know he greeted Joe at the angel's gate and welcomed him Home. Joe came to both my parents' funerals, and I so wish I could be there for his children, but I am there in spirit .Bless all of you.

Linda Loucks - July 17, 2019 at 07:12 PM

LA

My husband (Tom Adams) often stopped by Joe's when walking our dog Freyja. Tom enjoyed their visits, as did Freyja. She would go up on the porch and lay by Joe, as she knew it would be awhile.

Joe was a wonderful neighbor and is dearly missed.

Our hearts go out to your family.

Linda and Tom Adams

Linda and Tom Adams - July 17, 2019 at 09:02 PM