



Joseph J. Fischer

September 18, 1921 - March 11, 2010

Joseph J. Fischer, age 88, a resident of Rochester Hills, formerly of Royal Oak, died March 11, 2010 at his home. He was born September 18, 1921 in Ann Arbor. Mr. Fischer was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran. He received his Bachelors of Design and Master's of Education from the University of Michigan. He taught at Dondero High School in Royal Oak for 29 years, until his retirement in 1984. He was a docent at the Cranbrook Institute of Science Museum; a member of the Michigan Botanical Association; member and past president of the Michigan Orchid Society; a life member of the Michigan Education Association and National Education Association; member and past president of the Suburban Association of Retired School Personnel; and a member of the First Congregational Church choir in Royal Oak and served on numerous committees at the church. Mr. Fischer is survived by his daughter, Kim E. Bentz of Frederick, MD, grandchildren, Kyle, Ryan, Leah and Erin Bentz and Charlotte Sibley; and great grandson, Matthew Bentz. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara M. McKee Fischer, on August 20, 2006; sons, Scott David Fischer and Jon Peter Fischer; and siblings, Florence Emerick, Marion Eiseman and Robert M. Fischer. The visitation will be Tuesday 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The memorial service will be Wednesday 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, with the Rev. John Miller officiating. The inurnment will take place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

Memorials to AMI of Oakland County, 30233 Southfield Road, Suite 220,
Southfield, MI 48076 or First Congregational Church, 1314 Northwood
Boulevard, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Kim, My thoughts are with you at this time. I enjoyed your dad in art class. I saw him at Cranbrook years after Dondero and memories of you and your family came back to me vividly. Please accept my prayers for you. Mike

Mike Warren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Dear Kim and Family, I wish I had the perfect words to comfort you, but all I can say is, you're in my thoughts and in my prayers. Love, Wendy

Wendy McKee Levandowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Joe left an indelible impression on so many whom he taught and with whom he worked. On behalf of his friends from Cranbrook Institute of Science, it is a privilege to have known this wonderful and inspiring man.

Doug Goudie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Our sympathy to Joe's family. We were his neighbors for over 20 years, and "cat sat" for him and Barb when they traveled. We always enjoyed seeing his gardens, and hearing about his many interests and activities. It is a pleasure to have known him.

Fran & Rick Elder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was so very sad to hear of Mr. Fischer's passing. He was one of my very favorite teachers at Dondero. I learned so much from him and had alot of laughs in Art Club with him. Please know my prayers go out to everyone who knew this very talented man.

Mary Byberg Butkovich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Joe was a kind man of many talents. While teaching at Dondero High with Joe I admired his artistic ability. Then while hiking through the woods on camping trips with his family I discovered the wealth of knowledge he had of nature. Joe passed much along to those who knew him.

Wayne Heter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Kim, So sorry to learn of Joe. I enjoyed our phone conversations in December. As you may know Joe and Barb were the ones who welcomed us to Dondero/Royal Oak back in 1961. We have fond memories of the pot luck dinners and all the laughs associated with them. We are out of state for the month, but our thoughts and prayers are with you this week. Ken and Linda Noble

Ken and Linda Noble - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Remembering with joy and sadness all those wonderful Fischer/Pryce gatherings. Our love and prayers, dear Kim, and to your wonderful family. Annette, Rick, Loni, Tami and Deb Pryce

Annette Pryce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM