



Leo Gadwa

October 2, 1926 - February 1, 2017

Gadwa, Leo, age 90, a 22-year resident of Royal Oak, formerly of Lathrup Village and Detroit, passed away February 1, 2017 at his home. He was born October 2, 1926 in Detroit to the late Delphis and Lucienne Gadwa. Leo graduated from Redford High School, was a proud World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a local plumber for more than 40 years. He loved the outdoors and his family.

Beloved husband of Esther (Des Jardins) for more than 64 years; the couple married April 26, 1952 at St. Agatha Parish in Redford; loving father of Leo (Dyane) Gadwa Jr., Jean'Ne (Leonard) Swiatek, Daniel (Liz) Gadwa, Timothy (Kathy) Gadwa, and Mary Beth (Frank) Rowland; proud grandfather of 14 - Stephanie, Kevin, and Zachary Gadwa, Rebecca (Lonnie) Rambin, Erica (Curt) Norris, Angela (Jess) Webb, Peter (Kyra) Swiatek, Gretchen (Mike) Spitler, Daniel, Jessica, and Timothy Gadwa, Molly, Andy and Meghan Rowland; great grandfather of 12 - Claire, Amelia, Tyler, Alaina, Greyson, Jack, Evelyn, Luke, Hailey, Jill, Aiden, and Keenan; and dear brother of Romeo (the late Donna) Gadwa and the late Roland Gadwa, Juliette Walker, Gerald Gadwa, and Julie Miller.

Memorial visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak 48067. Memorial visitation Friday 10 a.m. until the

time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 3077
Gloucester Road, Troy 48084. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery,
Holly.

Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
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Rosary

FEB 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Mass

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
3077 Gloucester Road
Troy, MI 48084

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *That was my papa-papa he was the greatest man I have ever met. He would always tell me how it was when he was a kid and he would tell me that he didn't have all these things today.*

*Love,
Aiden Gadwa, Keenan Spittler.*



Aiden Gadwa - June 16, 2017 at 10:00 PM

CM

“ *Will always be grateful for Leo and Esther's great kindness to my daughter, Bridget, her husband, Joel Hein, and their children, Owen, Teddy and Will, when they lived next door. Those boys loved having Vernor's with Leo at the bar and spending time with both of you. What a wonderful example to us all. God bless you,*

Craig Martin

Craig Martin - March 02, 2017 at 01:18 PM

MT

“ *My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Tuffy - February 05, 2017 at 05:14 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss , Mr. Gadwa was a great man and will be missed by many . R.I.P . Steve & Tina Bilicki

Steve & Tina Bilicki - February 05, 2017 at 03:13 AM

DE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Uncle Leo was an awesome uncle he will be missed. Denise (Walker) Moulton



Denise - February 04, 2017 at 05:07 PM

BG

“ Uncle Leo will always be remembered for his beautiful smile, his love of family, his kindness and his amazing ability to make you know know you were loved. One's memories can never be erased and we celebrate and honor him as a truly wonderful uncle and very special man.
Much love,
Bonnie, Rebecca, Abe and Yvonne

Bonnie Gadwa - February 04, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JG

Uncle Leo was a memorable person by nature. He had a certain unique personality that made an impression on people. It's fair to say there was no one quite like him and he is sorely missed.
Our sympathy to the great, good family which is his legacy.
Jerry and Cheri

jerry and cheri gadwa - February 04, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May the memories of such a wonderful life give you comfort in the years to come!*

Sincerely Paul and Ana Walker

Ana Walker - February 03, 2017 at 03:28 PM

AH

“ *Dear Leo:
We will miss you "forever smile". Jeri called today to tell me you had joined the ranks of great husbands and fathers. She sends her love packed with memories of you and Esther. My favorite memory was when Fred came home and said he had seen "Lloyd" on the expressway. You went home and told Esther you had seen "Frank" on the expressway. Enjoy the Holy Spirit!
Grateful to have known such a grand guy.
love
Jeri and Annabelle*

Annabelle Herrada - February 03, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo Gadwa.*



February 02, 2017 at 11:58 AM

JR

“ *Janelle Richardson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leo Gadwa.*



Janelle Richardson - February 01, 2017 at 11:55 PM

TF

“ *So sorry for your loss. May the memories of love warm your heart.*

Love,

Chris, Gina, Kyle & Ryan Norton

The Norton Family - February 01, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leo Gadwa.*



February 01, 2017 at 11:12 PM

LF

“ *Love, Anne Hill and Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Leo Gadwa.*



Love, Anne Hill and Family - February 01, 2017 at 10:52 PM

 Molly Rowland

“ *It's interesting which moments with papa come to mind right now. They are simply ones. The memories of him sitting with a sketch pad, embarrassed to share his doodles with others. Doing shots of Coca Cola at his bar. Walking along lake Huron with him as a little kid, throwing rocks he found for me into the water, him laughing along. Helping me with a high school science project, in awe of his ability to to turn a mouse trap into a race car. The small box he gave me with chocolate hearts, with I love you written on a sticky note on top. Playing monopoly as a kid, looking at him for a reaction every time I passed go and laughing as he said "I love rich women." Drinking shots of half and half at restaurants. Eating cheez-its like they were a food group. So many simple, happy memories with this man. He taught me so much, but what has stuck with me most of all is that family comes before everything.*

I love you, Papa. I'm so glad you had 90 years on this earth and I hope you have an eternity of happiness.

Love, Molly

Molly Rowland - February 01, 2017 at 08:57 PM

MR

I love you Molly and your memories are spot on ❤️

mary beth rowland - February 02, 2017 at 01:52 AM

AR

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Andy Rowland - February 04, 2017 at 06:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Leo Gadwa.



February 01, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Leo Gadwa.



February 01, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Leo Gadwa.



February 01, 2017 at 04:51 PM