



Michael Lawrence Harper

July 2, 1930 - October 27, 2008

Michael L. Harper, age 78, of Royal Oak, passed away Monday, Oct. 27, 2008. Beloved husband of Janet M. Seery for 51 years. Loving father of Michael, Linda Sargent, Joseph, and Laurie Scott Claeys and dear brother of Richard N. Harper of Beverly Hills. Devoted to seven grandchildren Heather, Amy, Leslie, Carolyn, Zachery, Aaron and Alex and two great-grandchildren Lexis and Damien. Mike was born in Oshawa, Ontario and raised in Detroit, where he attended Catholic Central High School before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps, from which he was honorably discharged in 1959 with the rank of Sergeant. He and Janet married on October 12, 1957 and lived in Royal Oak, where Mike was an active member of the Shrine of the Little Flower parish. Mike attended Wayne State University, while working and raising his family, and graduated in 1964. He was employed for 29 years by the Stroh Brewery Company in Detroit as Communications Director, and retired as business manager from Shrine High School. Mike's many interests included spending time with his family, reading, traveling, and difficult crossword puzzles. His wisdom, counsel, warm smile and clever wit will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends. Memorial visitation Thursday from 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorial visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Angel's Place Webster House, 25240 Lahser Rd., Ste. 2,

Southfield, MI 48033. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, Wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. It is never easy to say goodbye to a loved one but sending them to God has to hold some comfort because what better place to be if not with you here on earth. I am sure your Dad was very proud of you and felt great confidence in your ability to love and care for your family. You are a kind and gentle soul Joe. Shrine is so lucky to have you in its family. We are all here to share in your memories and help you to carry on your Dad's legacy. He will live with you in your heart and in all the wonderful gifts that you carry of his - your smile, laughter and always generous and helping hand are wonderful traits that your parents have fostered in you. God Bless You and may God send peace and contentment to you and your loved ones. Love, Karen, Ilya, Sam and Maddy Hardey

The Hardey Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Joe: Our deepest condolences on the loss of your father. The Kelly Family: Dennis, Jamie, and sons.

dennis and jamie kelly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Janet, Mike, Linda, Joe and Laurie, and all the family, We are so sorry for the loss of your husband and father, and our loss of a stellar man and a faithful parishioner. Our faith is strong and we know we are really meant for heaven. May Mike, in his new life in God, help all of us who are still on the way. Our prayers and love during this difficult time, Sister Noreen Ellison, SC on behalf of our Shrine Parish community

Sister Noreen Ellison, SC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ DEAR JANET, I AM GREATLY SADDENED BY NEWS OF MIKE'S DEATH. I HAVE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF GROWING UP TOGETHER ACCROSS THE STREET ON CALVERT IN DETROIT IN THE YEARS 1942-1952 WHILE WE ATTENDED BLESSED SACREMENT GRADE SCHOOL AND CATHOIC CENTRAL H.S. SINCE BOTH OF MIKE'S PARENTS WORKED IN THOSE WAR YEARS, MIKE WAS A "LATCH KEY KID" LONG BEFORE THE TERM WAS INVENTED. MIKE SPENT MANY HAPPY HOURS AT OUR HOUSE WITH MY BROTHERS AND ME IN OUR BASEMENT REC. ROOM AND PING PONG PARLOR READING AS MANY COMIC BOOKS AS WE COULD PROCURE no t.v. in those years. MIKE WAS ALWAYS THOUGHTFUL, POLITE, CLEVER AND GREAT FUN TO BE AROUND. A WONDERFUL CHILD HOOD FRIEND. WE GOT SEPERATED FOR MANY YEARS AND RECONNECTED THRU THE INTERNET WHICH WAS FUN FOR BOTH OF US..PLEASE KNOW THAT FRAN AND I WILL KEEP MIKE AND YOUR FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS. JERRY DIETZ

DR. JERRY DIETZ SR. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dearest Janet and family - My heart and thoughts - and many prayers - are with you all during these difficult days. Mike was a one-in-a-million type person and I feel blessed to have known him since about 5 years old - he was another brother to me and I thank God for that. He will remain in all our hearts forever. Much love, prayers and hugs, Jeanette Desser Simonson

Jeanette Desser Simonson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *The Gonska Family Rebecca, Colette and Dave would like to express our sympathies during this difficult time. Joe, our prayers are with you and your family.*

Colette Gonska - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Dear Mr. Joe and family, we are so sorry for your loss. It sounds like your father was a wonderful man - and I know his legacy will live on in all of the lives you touch everyday with your sincere kindness and care. We're praying for you. Love, Greg, Mary, Grace and Olivia Kruszewski*

Mary Kruszewski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM