



Oliver M. Susan

May 5, 1921 - March 15, 2015

Oliver M. Susan, age 93, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Oliver was born May 5, 1921 in Royal Oak, where he was a lifetime resident and business owner. He graduated from Royal Oak High School and served in the United States Army during WWII. He was stationed in Boca Raton, Florida and also in Texas. After his call of duty, he earned a Bachelor of Commercial Science Degree, Business Administration, from the Detroit Business Institute and became an accountant. He worked as an accountant for a number of years and in the 1970's, with his partner, Jerry Eaton, became owners of Eaton & Susan Accounting on West Eleven Mile Road in Royal Oak. The Eaton & Susan sign still displays proudly on the building's face. Ollie loved the outdoors and especially the north woods. He enjoyed traveling to the Upper Peninsula with his family to his in-laws' cabin on Caribou Lake near Detour Village. He also enjoyed following the Michigan State Spartans football and basketball teams. He was a Boy Scout Explorer Leader and a member of the Royal Oak Elks and the Royal Oak Rotary. At his home Oliver enjoyed working in his yard and growing tomatoes in his garden. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Cathy Rob Heroux Susan and Jim Lawren Susan. Proud grandfather of Amanda John Wisswell Susan and Jennifer Susan. Dear brother of Gloria Harold Usher. Visitation Thursday 4-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at the funeral home, with Rev. Dale Hunter officiating.

Interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Nature Conservancy of Michigan at www.nature.org/michigan or the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council at www.eupfac.org are appreciated. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I was a 16-year-old student at Royal Oak High School in the fall of 1956, when I was hired as a part-time typist at Costello Tax & Accounting Service. It was my first "real" job, and I was terrified at spending my afternoons in a small office with adults -- afraid of making mistakes, saying or doing wrong things, failing to fit in, etc. The first person who noticed my self-consciousness and general discomfort was Ollie, and I can't begin to describe how comforting he was -- laughing at my fears, joking nonstop, making the office ring with merriment more often than I'd have dreamed possible. He made going to work FUN, and I'll never forget him... and the good, useful things he taught me about the "world of work." I was delighted to see that he and Jerry bought and ran that business for years. They were wonderful to me.

I was in a car accident the beginning of March and took weeks to recuperate, so I did not see this death notice until a few days ago, while sorting through some old newspapers. In locating this page on the Sullivan site, I noticed that Ollie's wife of so many years passed on shortly after Ollie. I am so sorry, but in many ways, they were so fortunate to have all those years, with neither one outliving the other by very long. My thoughts are with you.

Sharon Adams Clason - April 18, 2015 at 06:42 PM

DJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting your dad only last week when he shared a hospital room with my dad, Tom Wurdock and am so very sorry to hear of his passing. Being at Beaumont throughout that week I felt privileged to spend some time talking and laughing with him ... we even learned that he and my dad both attended Whittier Elementary school in Royal Oak together so many years ago!! He was a fine man who impressed me with his kindness, great sense of humor, and love for his family. I know that he will be missed by many people.

Deborah Weathers- Jablonski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To my co-worker Cathy Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. After reading your dad's obituary and reading some of the memories shared it's easy to see where you get your sense of adventure with all of your hiking and camping trips. You have taken after your dad and carried on a tradition that was instilled in you, not to mention how much you look like him. I'm so glad that you have those wonderful memories of your father. I hope that those memories will help you through your grief. I will say a prayer for you and your family that your memories and the support of friends and family will help you through this.

Tina Hart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Ollie's passing. We were next neighbors years ago while living on Chester. Please know that we are thinking of all of you and keeping you in our prayers. Treasure the memories you had with him. May Mr. Susan rest in peace. The Falcon family

janet falcon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We were neighbors of Ollie in Royal Oak. He was such a kind and sweet person. He did so much for us, from snow blowing our driveway and sidewalk while we were away at work to bringing over flowers 'just because.' We also looked forward to his homegrown tomatoes each summer. We will miss his smiling face! Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Brian and Liz Solomon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Thanks so much for sharing that. It's so nice for our family to hear of those old memories. I remember seeing photos from those trips!

Cathy Susan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ As an old member of Ollie and Jerry's Explorer Post at the Royal Oak Congregational Church, I will always remember the times camping at the Lumberman's Memorial, sleeping on a "bed" of hay in a tent in the winter. I will remember Ollie sprinting from a trip to the outhouse when he discovered a black widow spider. I will remember the names of friends who I have since lost contact with, Alan Mitchell. Dennis Carmichael. Dave Nicholson now deceased, Ned, whose Mother worked at the Dondero High School Cafeteria. I will recount the time we took a "ride" down the trail in a toboggan, and the smash up at the tree at the end. Oddly, I will remember driving past Ollie's home on 12 Mile and thinking about him this last Sunday. Memories, more pleasant memories. Thanks again, Ollie. Rest in Peace.

Walter Ament - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM