



Pecky D. Lewis Jr.

January 19, 1929 - July 10, 2023

Pecky D. Lewis, Jr., age 94, of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully July 10, 2023 at his home.

Pecky was born January 19, 1929 to Pecky D. Lewis, Sr. and Bertha (Haack) Lewis in Hazel Park, Michigan. He was a 1947 graduate of Hazel Park High School.

Pecky is survived by his wife of 74 years, Vivian (Fathers) Lewis, his children Susan (Gary) Halliday, Janet Lewis, Robin Lewis, Heidi Lewis, and David Lewis, grandson Peter Halliday (Stefanie), and great-grandchildren Craig and Anneke Halliday. He is also survived by his remaining sibling, sister Karen (Don) Kakoczki, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Pecky was predeceased by his parents and his three brothers Bill, Glenn, and Keith.

Pecky was the principal owner and President of Liberty Special Tool Company, establishing the company in Hazel Park in 1953. Under his tutelage, the company grew and prospered, first moving to a plant in Royal Oak, then adding a new plant in Bad Axe, and subsequently expanding and modernizing the plant in Royal Oak. Liberty Special Tool Company had a successful and rewarding lifespan of 52 years.

Pecky committed much of his time to public service. He was a member of the Royal Oak Planning Commission and Mayor of the city of Royal Oak from 1975 to 1981. He was a member of the Oakland County Parks Commission from 1981 to 2014 serving as chairman for 18 years. He was named to the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

Pecky was a longtime member and leader of the Royal Oak Lions Club. He joined the club on June 1, 1961. He was elected president of the club in 1969 serving one term as president. Later, in 1974 he was named a District Cabinet Secretary, serving one term in that role.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 16, 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak (248-541-7000). The funeral will take place there on Monday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. The service will be livestreamed at <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY4OTEwOTY3ODI2MTEzMyZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>. Burial in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to all his caregivers from Visiting Angels.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Royal Oak Lions Club (<<http://www.royaloaklionsclub.org/>>) or Wounded Warrior Project (<<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>>).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Jeannette B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..



Jeannette B. - July 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

MF

“ On behalf of the entire Royal Oak community that you served so well and true, a Memorial Tree has been planted. Your life is a shining example of service to others and the benefits of your hard work are here for generations to appreciate. With our deepest sympathy and condolences, Mayor Fournier and the members of the Royal Oak City Commission

Mayor Fournier - July 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..

July 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM

ML

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Lewis family. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers. Cindy, Adrienne and Melinda Loftin

Melinda loftin - July 14, 2023 at 01:15 AM

BH

“ Our sympathy to Pecky's family on your loss. We did not know him well but know some of his nieces and nephews. We are sure he will be missed.

Forrest Heatley and family

Bruce Heatley - July 13, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..

July 13, 2023 at 10:04 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear the news about Pecky. I was a member of the RO Lions and worked closely with him for many years and knew him to be a wonderful, selfless man. My sympathy to his family. I know he will be sorely missed.

Kay Cornell - July 13, 2023 at 10:23 AM

DE

“ DONNA AND JEFF ETTINGER purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..



DONNA AND JEFF ETTINGER - July 13, 2023 at 03:00 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..



July 12, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Please share a memory or two about my Dad.

David Lewis - July 12, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ 16 files added to the album PECKY



David Lewis - July 12, 2023 at 01:07 PM



We will have a slide show of 100+ photographs running during Visitation, but these are some of my favorites.

David Lewis - July 12, 2023 at 01:11 PM

DL

Thank you to those who have sent gifts. My dad was a strong supporter/proponent of the Royal Oak Lions Club and the Wounded Warrior Project. He also spent many years with Oakland County Parks. So, if you would like to make contributions to those organizations in lieu of gifts to the family, he would have greatly appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness.

David Lewis - July 12, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DL

*Here is an article from the Oakland Press. (The same article will also appear in the Royal Oak Daily Tribune.)
<https://www.theoaklandpress.com/2023/07/13/former-royal-oak-mayor-pecky-d-lewis-jr-dead-at-94/>*

David Lewis - July 13, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..*



July 11, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pecky D. Lewis Jr..*

July 11, 2023 at 07:36 PM