



Peter J. Mangiaracina

December 3, 1924 - March 27, 2014

Peter J. Mangiaracina, age 89, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away March 27, 2014 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born December 3, 1924 in Flint to the late Vito and Benedette Mangiaracina. Mr. Mangiaracina was a U.S. Army medic during World War II. He received his master's degree in education from Wayne State University. He worked as a full-time art teacher and part-time driver education instructor at Royal Oak Kimball High School, until his retirement in 1984. He also worked part-time as an art teacher at Oakland Community College. In his spare time, he enjoyed watercolor painting, sculpting and gardening. Mr. Mangiaracina was the beloved husband of Joan Hutchins; the couple married June 13, 1959 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak; loving father of Carol Daniel Huntsbarger and Paula Allen Richardson Tucker; dear brother of Katherine the late Gordon Gibson, Dolores the late Milton Yard, the late Janie Salerno, Paul Figioli, Pauline Salerno, Phillip Mangiaracina and Samuel Mangiaracina; proud grandfather of Abigail Jacob Livingston, Mary Richardson and David Richardson; and great grandfather of Josiah, Hezron and Tobias. A memorial service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. Memorials to Honor Flight Michigan, American Heart Association or donor's choice of charity are appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am so saddened not only to learn of Mr. Mann's passing, but also to learn so long after his passing. He was by far my favorite teacher, in fact I would call him my mentor. I think of him so often in my career as an art teacher, asking myself what he would do in certain situations. It was after telling my students a story about his kind, gentle handling of a situation that I thought to look him up and learned this very sad news. Thank you for everything, Mr. Mann!

elizabeth stebbins - October 27, 2017 at 02:24 PM

SM

“ I have fond memories also of my classes with Mr Mann...Loved going to class and creating...Surprised that his birthday was the day before my own...He was never a stifling art teacher....always open and encouraging....I am still creating to this day....Thank YOU Mr Mann for that.You will be missed by all that you touched.

Sandra Grudzen nee Meade - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I will remember Pete Mangiaracina as a talented artist, encouraging educator and warm, friendly gentleman.My thoughts are with his wife Joan, daughters Carol and Paula and their families.

Claire Elton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mr. Mann was a tremendous influence on our entire family. Through his friendship with our father and mother Jim and Pat Mallos, his positive attitude and sense of humor has touched us all. His legacy has left an enormous footprint on this world.

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

DD

“ Mr. Mann was my favorite teacher. He taught art with heart and a quiet passion. He showed his own slides of his trips to Italy to teach us art history. He was learning to play guitar at the time late '70s and liked to ask my friend and fellow student Tom Limbaugh to check out the calluses on his fingers to prove he had been devoting a lot of time to practicing what he learned. Mr. Mann had a gift for making his students feel valuable, and he was a true gentleman.

Dan Desmond - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I have very fond memories of having Mr. Mann as my homeroom teacher at Kimball. Such a kind person! Since it was only homeroom, I did not spend a lot of time with him, but I remember him more, and with great fondness, than many of the teachers I had for actual classes. I will cherish the "cowboy" sculpture Mr. Mann made that I received as a gift from my parents many years ago. Condolences to his family.

Sheri Noble Matt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I have very warm memories of Mr Mann and his contributions to Kimball HS. I will always remember you with a smile. God Speed.

Christine Feist - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Oh Pete....I am so sorry to hear you have passed. You were such a good friend to my Mom, Oddie Edmunds, and my dad, Joe Edmunds. I enjoyed all the visits we had while you worked in the ceramics lab at OCC. It was always a pleasure to see you and chat. Joanie, you have my deepest sympathy. Please share with Gail and Carol. Love you all. Ann

Ann Robson Walk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mr. Mann, If you didn't read my drivers Ed Journal then, read it now, you will get a chuckle. I have presumed over the years, that you Did read it and had the sense of humor that I was hoping for and passed me anyway! either way ... thanks for everything including your sense of humor, and my drivers licenseyou will be missed !-- Jim Bleecker

Jim Bleecker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Such a gracious man who was loved by my family- Oddie and Joe Edmunds, Karen and Lynn Edmunds, and Ann and Bruce Robson.

Thomas B Robson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I never had the chance to express my sincere gratitude to you for looking after my grandfather Don Sullens for so many years. Even though you never knew it, you have inspired me to be the best neighbor that I can be to those in my neighborhood. Though I have not seen you in several years, I often think of the relationship that you had my grandfather had. R.I.P. Mr. Mann!

Pete Rogers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I was beyond sad to learn Pete had died. Pete was my mentor all those years teaching beside him at R.O. Kimball. As a young teacher he showed me how to reach kids in a classroom setting through art and genuine respect for teaching students. I loved Pete as both a father figure and a friend. My deepest sympathy to Carol and Paula and the rest of Pete's family I will miss him dearly.

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

MC

“ I have carried the knowledge that Mr. Man provided me, in the Art History class he taught at Kimball, with me my entire life. I can only think of 2 or 3 other teaches who had such a profound impact on my life. Thank you, sir. May your rest be peaceful.

Michael Cooper - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mr Mann was one of my first Mentors in the Art world, and helped me start my career path way back in 7th grade wood shop ... He continue to guide me Kimball too, class of 1969 Sue Vanek⁢⁢ Maiden name. He even taught me how to drive a car!

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

BN

“ You will be missed by many Mr. Mann! Before I got to know you at Kimball, I had the great fortune of having your wife as my 5th grade teacher at Parker Elementary School in 1974-75. You were both so kind and inspirational, and I think you both answered your calling by becoming teachers and helping kids to reach their potential. I did not have a lick of talent in art, hence I never took one of your classes, but I enjoyed our many conversations and how you helped me stay connected to your wife who was such an influence on me in my formative years. Heaven is a better place with you in it Mr. Mann, but you will be sorely missed here on Earth. God bless the entire Mangiaracina family in your time of loss. I am grateful that Peter lived such a long and impactful life!

Brian Nolan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Pete you have been a friend for many years. First I was your student and then for 17 years a fellow teacher. I have seen you do wonders with your students and helped them grow in the Art World. You will be missed by many.

Gary Vanek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Thank you for all the inspiration Mr. Mann. All of my careers have steamed from my artistic talents. Thank you, may you rest in peace.

Tami Tucker-Vanek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Mr Mann You will never be forgotten!! Your warm caring smile and the patients you always had for each and every one of us!! You always took the time to show us how to create talent when I always thought I could never have the talent. Until I finished my first project and I was pretty surprised with my work because of you!! Thank you for touching all of our lives and being the best teacher I have ever known!!! I cried when I heard of you passing. I will keep your memory close to me always. R.I.P. Mr Mann!!!

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

GC

“ I enjoyed Mr. M's wisdom, thoughtfulness and concern for his students at Kimball.

Glenn "Fuzz" Corey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ In the mid-1950's, "Mr. M." as he was called, was my art teacher at Grant Elementary in Royal Oak many could never quite learn to pronounce his surname. Thanks to his early inspiration, I was able to lead a successful & lengthy career using the many color, artistic and drawing skills he instilled in us so many years ago. Molte grazie il mio amico!

Roger Larson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Pete, Your many art talents will be missed. You and my father had many sidewalk talks in front of the Huron house.....

Gary Briggs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I am very sorry to learn of the passing of such a wonderful husband, father, and teacher. I know that he will be dearly missed but fondly remembered. It is my hope that a passage from John 5:28, 29 gives comfort and hope that we will all see Peter again.

A. Daldine - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Pete will live on in my memory as a "Legendary Potter" in the OCC classroom studio, seated at a wheel just inside the doorway, and Charlie Blosser standing beside him. Pete was a friend, a mentor and an all round great guy, and we will all miss him.

dave albrecht - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM