



Ray Harry Engelhardt

September 10, 1931 - June 27, 2015

Engelhardt, Ray H. Age 83 June 27, 2015

Married his beloved wife Hideko on April 30th, 1953. Loving father of Carol (Patrick) Miller and Richard Engelhardt. Proud grandfather of Derek Brown. Dear Brother of Carl, Jr., Willard and his twin Roy (Betty). He was preceded in death by siblings Walter, Elmer, Arlene and Gerald. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Ray served in the Army for 5 years as a corporal and fire chief during the Korean War. Later he became a member of the American Legion post in Utica and enjoyed working Bingo there. He also worked many years for Ford Motor Company at the Utica Trim Plant. In his free time he enjoyed working with wood making many crafts and repairing televisions. Visitation will be Tuesday June 30th from 1-9 p.m. at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica. Funeral Service Wednesday July 1st, 10 a.m. instate 11 a.m. Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica. Memorials appreciated to the family for funeral expenses.

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Services

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

RE

“ *Richard Engelhardt lit a candle in memory of Ray Harry Engelhardt*



Richard Engelhardt - July 24, 2015 at 05:09 AM



Maryanne Piekny Kuras

“ *Oh Uncle Ray! I remember when you taught me to slow dance! Bringing smelt over! Yum! Swimming in your pool! Fixing our t.v.! Giving me that little nod with your fist! And many more memories! Glad you were part of my life! Li*

Maryanne Piekny Kuras - July 03, 2015 at 03:48 PM

PH

“ *Patti and Jerry Harrison purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Ray Harry Engelhardt.*



Patti and Jerry Harrison - June 30, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Harry Engelhardt.*



June 30, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ Never forget the time Uncle Willard, Uncle Ray, and I went up to Willard's property in Uncle Willard's old green SUV. Not sure what model it was. But, we were driving in a snow storm and slid off the road, partially into a ditch. Uncle Ray and I had to push it out to get back on the road. Listened to country music all the way up from Detroit, I think, or maybe St. Clair Shores. I don't remember. Maybe Uncle Willard does.

Also, last time Uncle Ray came to Sebawaing for Aunt Leola's funeral, he stayed at my house. At least we got to see him not too long ago. Rest in Peace, Uncle Ray. God bless you!

Jim Bratton

Jim Bratton - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

D.

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Carol, I remember your mom and dad putting up with our antics when I spent time at your house when we were in grade school. They were very patient and your dad was a wonderful man. It's so hard to lose our loved ones. My deepest sympathy.*

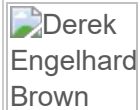
Denise (Brede) Messina

D.Messina - June 29, 2015 at 05:53 PM

KF

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Engelhardt were tremendous influences in my life and wonderful neighbors but more importantly great friends. Mr. Englehardt's passing is another movement toward an end of an era. I'm talking about an era when a man took time to talk to kids and teach them something. When neighbors and friends cared about, shared with, and trusted each other. We should all try to live up to the examples set forth by people like the Engelhardts and remember where we came from and who helped us get here..
Condolences and Sympathy to your family, goodbye Ray!
Kevin James Forthoffer.*

Kevin J. Forthoffer - June 29, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *What to say about Grandpa... I remember when I was little, I would always sneak out to the garage to see what he was working on. Weather it was making a small modification to the back of his old pickup truck, taking apart the old vcr because I got something stuck in it, or simply just building something out of wood to make something much easier to do in life. He would always find something to fix or have a great story to tell. Weather it be from the war or when growing up on the farm.*

I remember grandpa would every now and then tell me to ask grandma some random words in japanese. I would then get put in the corner... but never the less, he would then get me out of the corner to go help him in the garage! What wonders I would see in the garage. I even had my own tool bench that I got for Christmas one year. Even got that awesome wood burning tool that had that 2' cord so I was always by the curtains. That didn't last too long.

No matter what, even if it was waking up to grandpa playing the accordion on Sunday mornings singing old German songs, you could always count on grandpa to be there. My first time driving a truck was with grandma and grandpa on the back roads on our way to uncle Rick's house. First time driving a stick shift at 15 years old.

In short, I'm glad I have these experiences and more in my life that I got to share with my grandfather. We are all sad that he has left us, but I'm proud to see that when looking back, he had an amazing life with family and friends that loved and cared for him deeply.

God bless grandpa, thank you for everything. You will always be loved and missed!

Derek Engelhardt-Brown - June 29, 2015 at 03:00 PM

WA

“ To the family of Ray Engelhardt : Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

Walgreens - June 29, 2015 at 06:48 AM