

Richard J. Duncan

June 22, 1925 - March 31, 2016

Duncan, Richard J. age 90, March 31, 2016, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, Loving father of Gail, Thomas (Lynn), Karen (the late Mark) Nichols, and David. Proud grandfather of Kristin (Matt), Whitney, Tori, Cassie and Olivia. Mr. Duncan lived his life seeing the best in people with a strong devotion to his family, community and faith. After serving in WWII, he worked in the auto business and started Jerome-Duncan Ford in Utica. He became President of the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, president of the Detroit Area Auto Dealers, founding member and five time president of Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence, and member of the Utica Lions as well as Knights of Columbus. In honor of his dedication to the Utica community, Duncan Elementary School was named after him. Family will receive friends at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica, on Monday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday he will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica. In lieu of flowers, contributions are appreciated to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, 48207 or St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Please share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

APR 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the late Dick Duncan. Dick and myself have been good friends for the past 15 years or so and met through our mutual interest of early Fords. Distance ensured we only caught up every couple of years or so but we always stayed in touch by telephone or through our mutual friend Mike Skinner.
I admired Dicks collection of cars and memorabilia out at his dealership that he had amassed through the years.
The world will be the poorer for his absence.
Yours faithfully,
Jim Cooper,
Darwin,
Australia.

Jim Cooper - April 12, 2016 at 03:04 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathy to all of your family.I remember my dad mentioning "Dick" many times over my growing up in Utica.My dad was Larry Sutter of Larry's Hardware. I imagine I even waited on your dad a time or two at the store.I know from experience losing a parent at any age is heart breaking.I hope he and dad reconnect in heaven.They will have a lot of catching up to do and bragging on those grandkids!

Jan(jeanette sutter) Kesler - April 07, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *He was my only uncle. When I was young he was so tall. He was probably the kindest person I've ever met. He achieved so much in his life but never became one of those wealthy cold dismissive jerks we see too much of these days. He was by any definition, a truly good man.*

Janet Devers - April 06, 2016 at 10:25 PM

GD

“ *Mr D was truly a beautiful person. I worked for him for many years when I first came into the car business. In fact he brought me there after my family closed the Auto Auction...where I had first met him when I was quite young. I had the pleasure of getting all the titles and plate's for the Classic Car's he had. He was truly the best and will be missed...they do not make them like him anymore ! My heart goes out to his family.*

Gina Ditta

Gina Ditta - April 05, 2016 at 02:40 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Duncan will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of honor. One whose word was his bond, who served his community and country with deeds, time and generosity, not just words. He represented to me all that a "good man" should be.*

He will sorely missed.

John Pagel

john pagel - April 05, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



April 05, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ I am so very saddened to hear of Dick’s passing. My dad, Buff, had such great admiration for him over the 35+ years they were neighbors and became even better friends. After dad passed away, I had the complete honor to have a few talks over a couple of years & listen to Dick’s advice, stories, & history-I cannot put into words what that/he meant to me. Lastly, I’m hopeful he knows I still have the “Neighbors” coffee cup he gave to my dad several years ago □ and will always cherish it and think of him when I have my morning coffee at work. My deepest sympathy & condolences for such a special human being.

Kerry - April 05, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ DICK IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET ONCE YOU HAVE MEET HIM. A TRUE GENTLEMAN !!! MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. BOB WHITE AND FAMILY

ROBERT WHITE - April 04, 2016 at 08:37 PM

CH

“ My prayers are with the Duncan family. Dick Duncan was probably one of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure of working for. I was sorry to hear of his passing. May God be with you.

Cindy Harder

Cindy Harder - April 04, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



April 04, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



April 04, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ *Rose Tribute* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



April 04, 2016 at 01:16 PM

SM

“ A new club "Kiwanis Club of Shelby Golden K was chartered one year ago this month. It honors ours and Dick's good friend Bill Hoehn who also worked at his dealership and passed away January of 2015. Dick said he was honored to become a Charter member of the club honoring his good friend. His kindness and generosity carried on to the club donating a child's pedal car to auction off for Christmas. His family, friends and his Golden K charter members will miss this kind man. Ted and I have have been friends for 48 years with many good memories of Dick and Barb. It was great this past year watching Ted and Dick after a Golden K meeting sit for another hour talking. They would talk about their younger years, the dealership and Ted as a young AAA insurance man coming into the dealership and making many friends there. You will be missed dear friend by Ted, Shirley and the Golden K members. Prayers being said for Gail, Tom, Karen and Dave during this difficult time. RIP Dick.



Shirley Medlin - April 04, 2016 at 09:43 AM

TW

“ Tom Wood lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Duncan



Tom Wood - April 04, 2016 at 09:38 AM

TW

“ Dick was one of the kindest friends. My mother and father were so lucky to have two wonderful friends like Dick and Barbara. He did so many kinds things for many. I remember when Dick volunteered to drive my father's car back from florida at his own expense becuse my father was unexpectedly got ill and ended up in the hospital there. They enjoyed so many good times together. He will truly be missed.God Bless him.

Tom and Grace Wood

Tom Wood - April 04, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



April 04, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MV

“ We send you a condolences to a great familiy, we remember Bárbara and Dick as our best Américan friends, Karen, Tom and David, recibe our best wishes, we love, you, Maris Villalobos and familia, Frontera México

maris villalobos - April 03, 2016 at 10:14 PM

CY

“ Farewell Richard! I know you are rejoicing in Heaven with your wife and others you knew! Love, the Yaeger's family

chrystal Yaeger - April 03, 2016 at 03:44 PM

MT

“ Years ago I had the opportunity to have dinner with the Duncan family at their home Mr. Duncan showed me his wonderful collection of Ford cars, I'm still in awe...Heaven has received a jewel, carry his legacy in actions and deed for he will forever rest in our hearts!!!

Mary Turner-Cain - April 03, 2016 at 02:00 PM

TC

“ The Nichols Family, Ralph, Janice, Allison and Christina purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



The Nichols Family, Ralph, Janice, Allison and Christina -
April 03, 2016 at 11:58 AM

DK

“ I got to know Dick during my time at Ford Motor Company and our relationship continued into retirement with enjoyable breakfasts from time to time. It is hard to imagine a finer man with a better disposition. He was tireless in his volunteer and community activities, loved his family and former employees, and was incredibly loyal to Ford during some very difficult times. Among countless dealers with whom I had the pleasure to do business, Dick was certainly in the highest tier. He leaves behind a legacy of unquestionable ethics and great humility. He will truly be missed. I regret I will be unable to attend his services but extend condolences to all he touched during his life.

Don Kaegi

Don Kaegi - April 03, 2016 at 05:46 AM



“ Our entire family is saddened to hear of Duncan Elementary's namesake's passing. This was a true gentleman. My children were lucky to go to Duncan the first year of its opening. Mr. Duncan was present for all the functions a family member would attend, the First Day of School (he would stand outside and greet all the students) to Musical Concerts, the Halloween Bash and even Graduations! He gave the children countless gifts, I think their favorite was when they would get a full size Hershey bar. Who does that these days? I texted my now college children of Mr. Duncan's passing, and I can tell you they all were saddened to hear of the loss, as if they lost a dear family member.

He will be missed by all of Duncan Elementary, past and present, -- and Principal Mrs. Coil and all the teachers! Farewell to a true gentleman.

My entire family is sending the Duncan family condolences.

The Cusumano Family

Julianne Cusumano - April 03, 2016 at 12:15 AM



“ Sandy and Keven Golden, Jamie & Steve Chapoton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



Sandy and Keven Golden, Jamie & Steve Chapoton - April 02, 2016 at 08:55 PM

SG

“ *Sandy Golden lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Duncan*

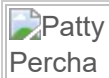


Sandy Golden - April 02, 2016 at 07:39 PM

SG

“ *So many years shared with a great man who will always have a piece of my heart. My Saturday mornings will never be the same - many great conversations over coffee and donuts shared. A great family man always willing to take care of others. God Bless.*
Sandy Golden
XO

Sandy Golden - April 02, 2016 at 07:29 PM



A great man I know will be truly missed

Patty Percha - April 03, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard J. Duncan .*



April 02, 2016 at 05:05 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Campagne purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard J. Duncan .



Jennifer Campagne - April 02, 2016 at 01:05 PM

CJ

“ Mr. "D" is what I called him, never by his first name. He was at my home and I never felt like he was anything but a friend of the family. My husband and I worked at the dealership he owned and we always felt like family, extended family you might say, as his son Tommy and daughter Gail worked there also. We stayed in touch after we retired from the dealership sending and getting a card for the holidays with good wishes and sweet thoughts. My heart is very sad this day knowing we have lost a great soul and wonderful friend.

Sleep well dear friend and know you are always in our hearts. Carl and Carol Julius

Carl and Carol Julius - April 02, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MI

“ Dick Duncan was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. He was a wonderful friend to the Utica Schools and the communities it encompassed. He will truly be missed! Heaven just received a true gentleman. 😞

Marilyn Ickes - April 01, 2016 at 05:02 PM

KM

“ *It was my good fortune to work with Dick on a number of projects for the UCS Foundation. His integrity and compassion were an encouragement to all and a solid legacy.* ”

Karon Mathews - April 01, 2016 at 03:32 PM