



## Richard Harold Dusenbury

February 10, 1928 - March 26, 2016

Richard Harold Dusenbury, age 88, a resident of Royal Oak, Michigan, since 1954, passed away March 26, 2016 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was born February 10, 1928 in Beacon, New York, to the late Harold and Elsie Dusenbury.

Richard was a graduate of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He worked for B. F. Chamberlin Realtor as a real estate agent from 1982-1994; previously worked for Morley Brothers Floor Covering. He was past president of the Detroit Floor Covering Association and a volunteer at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, for over 20 years. Richard was a member of the Hearing Loss Association of America, local chapter. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, where he was an Elder, Trustee, Deacon and a member of the choir. He also sold Equal Exchange coffee as a mission at his church. Richard loved gardening, playing bridge with friends, doing crossword puzzles and insisted on doing them in ink, and playing pool. He also enjoyed entertaining friends at home.

He was the beloved Husband of Helen (Vandall); whom he married December 17, 1955 at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Loving father of Richard Harold Dusenbury Jr., Anne (Ronald) Kemerling, and Mary (Eric) Hockstad. Proud grandfather to Andrew (Stephanie) Dusenbury, Emily Dusenbury, Mary Dusenbury, Whitney Kemerling, Brian Kemerling, Kelsey

Hockstad, Laura Hockstad, and Grace Hockstad; great granddaughter Leanna Dusenbury. Dear brother of Judy (Bernie) Schettino and the late Lois Parsons.

Memorial gathering Tuesday 6-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Wednesday 10:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Memorials to the First Presbyterian Church are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR **29**. 6:00 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  
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak  
529 Hendrie Boulevard  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I have been out of town but my thoughts are with the family during this tough time. May you all remember the good times together and find support and joy from friends and family.

Love in P.E.O.  
Pat

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**Mary Pat Lichtman** - April 11, 2016 at 07:58 PM

BG

“ I will remember how Dick always greeted me with a warm smile and a big hug. I will miss seeing him in church!

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**Beth Egan De Guise** - March 30, 2016 at 02:27 PM

MT

“ My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May it comfort you to know that God is near to those that are broken at heart.-Psalms 34:18

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**Ms. Tuffy** - March 29, 2016 at 02:51 PM

RD

“ My contact with Dick was primarily through the ADK Sorority gatherings hosted by his wife Helen. Our meetings typically were followed with delicious dinners, and Dick would most often join us for the meal, laughter, and conversation. What an engaging smile & hospitable nature Dick displayed! He also helped out quite a bit with the Garage Sale our sorority put together a few years ago. Dick will be dearly missed by all of us who had the good fortune to get to know him...

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**Rhys Dwelley** - March 29, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

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K - March 29, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Harold Dusenbury .



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March 29, 2016 at 09:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harold Dusenbury .



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March 28, 2016 at 09:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harold Dusenbury .



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March 28, 2016 at 12:41 PM

CL

“ How we wish we could be there to share many of our memories of Dick - a man with a ready smile that would lift our spirits whenever we saw him. We send hugs and our sympathy but are so grateful to know that one day we will be united again. Do you still have the DVD I made of his life for his 80th birthday? I loved making it and getting to know him just a bit better through all the pictures you supplied.

You and your family are in our prayers,  
Ken and Carolyn Ledford

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**Carolyn Ledford** - March 28, 2016 at 10:20 AM

AK

Thank you, Carolyn, for those kind thoughts. Yes, we have the DVD you made and will be sharing it at visitation this afternoon. We are so grateful to have this wonderful expression of Dad's great love of life. We appreciate this so much.

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**Anne Kemerling** - March 29, 2016 at 06:31 AM

DP

“ DeMent and Marquardt, PLC purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Richard Harold Dusenbury .



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**DeMent and Marquardt, PLC** - March 28, 2016 at 09:54 AM

KF

“ Our entire family is saddened by Dick's passing. He was a sweet, gentle man who will be remembered by so many. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers, Helen, to your family and you.



*In God's care,*

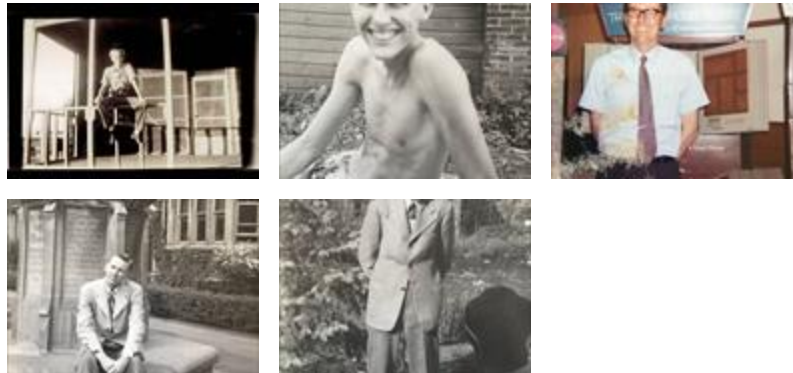
*Terry & Kay Farlow and family*

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**Kay Farlow** - March 28, 2016 at 09:30 AM



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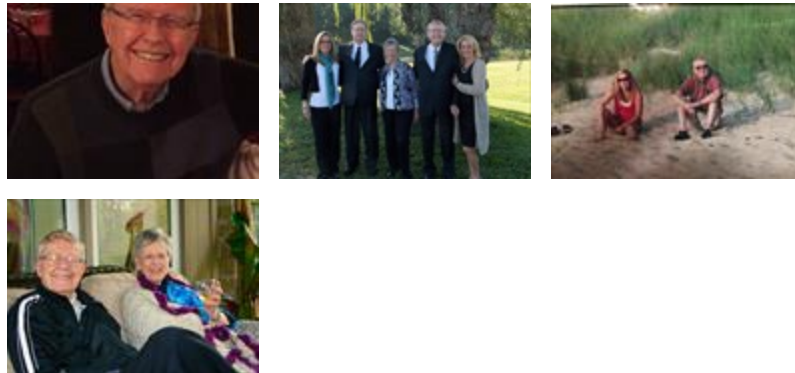


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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - March 28, 2016 at 08:30 AM

AK

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Anne Kemerling - March 28, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas* was purchased for the family of *Richard Harold Dusenbury* .



March 28, 2016 at 05:49 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola* was purchased for the family of *Richard Harold Dusenbury* .



March 27, 2016 at 09:32 PM

SM

“ *Dick* always had a smile and hug for everyone at the *HLAA-Royal Oak* meetings. *I will miss him so much. Love, Sharon McGladdery*

Sharon mcGladdery - March 27, 2016 at 04:50 PM