



## Richard H. 'Dick' McGraw

August 29, 1923 - February 13, 2012

Richard Herbert McGraw, age 88, passed away February 13, 2012. He was born to Herbert and Marian McGraw in Detroit, MI. In 1943, he gained his wings as a naval aviator before becoming an F6F Hellcat fighter pilot and a member of the aircraft carrier USS Essex's "Fabled Fifteen" air group, which participated in many major air battles in the Pacific including the Marianas Turkey Shoot and battles in the Philippines and Leyte Gulf. For his efforts he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He married Mary Louise Kimball in 1945 at the Long Beach, CA Naval Air Station. After the war, he graduated with a BA degree from Wayne University. He became CEO and President of Kimball & Russell, Inc., where he led the company for 50 years. He served on the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education from 1963-1969, serving as President for four of those years. He became President of the National Sash & Door Jobbers Association in 1971 and served on the planning commission for Tyrone Township. Dick was known by all to be a man of great integrity and ethics. He was an animal lover who is also remembered for his wit and sense of humor. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Louise, his brother Tom, and sister Mary King-Christianson. His brother Jim predeceased him. He is survived by his four children: David, Darcey Sevo, Stephen, and Brian; his eleven grandchildren: Margaret, Kristina, Laura, Erik, Erin, Alex, Julia, Sean, Whitney, Sloan, and Mackenzie; and four great-grandchildren: Evan, Miles, Quinn, and Sadie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity or The Humane Society. Memorial Service on May 7, 2012 at Christ

Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Wm.  
Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000, [www.sullivanfuneral  
directors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ I wish to extend to you and to members of your family my deepest sympathy on your loss. May the Lord's loving promises comfort you and give you strength as you walk through this difficult time. On behalf of a grateful nation as an expression of appreciation for the honorable and faithful service rendered by your loved one. “Honoring Those Who Served-Ministry” If you wish a personalized memorial card mailed to you with history of playing of taps, 21 gun salute, meaning of each fold of the flag as a keepsake, please send me your home address to where the card be mailed. Send to: Chaplain Richard Reuer, 1206 6th St SW, Minot, ND 58701. This is a free service to fallen veteran families.

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**Chaplain Richard Reuer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ May God continue to comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow. Praying for you!

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**Acquinetta Beatty** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Please accept my condolence on the death of your loved one. Please find comfort in the scripture at Isaiah 25:8.

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**Lorayne McCoy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sincere condolence goes out to the McGraw family. The Bible says of the Almighty: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God shall wipe away tears from off all faces..."-Isa. 25:8. May you find comfort through the Word of God.

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**Mrs.C** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Dick - Thank you for all the great times growing up. All the times we spent with the horses and in the hay fields, the horse shows and the great chats after dinner watching a Tiger game or Michigan football. I can still smell your pipe and hear your quiet, confident laugh. You will be missed, but most of all you will be remembered as a great man for the rest of my life. May God Bless your soul.

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**Don Bokshan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You will be greatly missed, Uncle Dick. I will miss your leadership and great sense of humor. Thanks for all those times in Michigan when the McGraw family would get together. I was also a member of the Sycamore family and knew many of your old neighbors. I also helped Dave move into his house a couple of blocks over. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers!

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**Mark McGraw** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We send our deepest sympathy to all of the McGraw family. We remember you as a member of the Sycamore Ave. family in Royal Oak. The Pierre's Ann, Mary, Madeline, Carolyn and Jeannie

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**Madeline Willard** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are going to miss you Dad. You were the best. Dave McGraw, Meg, Scott, Kiki, Mike, Evan, Quinn, Miles and Sadie

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**David McGraw** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM