



## Richard W. Roth

July 10, 1922 - February 28, 2016

Richard W. Roth, age 93 a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores since 1964, passed away Feb. 28, 2016 at his residence. He was a graduate of Denby High School and a retiree of General Motors. Beloved uncle of Judith Strong, Allen (Connie) Buchanan, Peggy (Allan) Smolinski, Sandra (Kenneth) Constantino, Nancy (Salvador) Ciappara and Timothy Roth. He is also survived by many loving great nieces and nephews. Dear brother of the late Robert (Leona) Roth. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until time of Service at 6:00 p.m. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorials suggested to The American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

VanDyke @ 6 Mile Road  
Detroit, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
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## Funeral Services

MAR 6. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Uncle Richard very much, especially during all of the family holiday celebrations. Since I was a little girl (60 years ago), Uncle Richard was at every family festivity unless he was traveling. He was not a man who showed his emotions too openly, but he would sit with a smile on his face, enjoying all the activities and "shenanigans" of all the kids, starting with the 6 of us (my dad's kids) all the way down through numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He also visited my childhood home every Sunday for a visit, coffee and dessert. It was a tradition we all enjoyed. He continued to visit my mother after my father passed away, until she passed away.

Uncle Richard was an avid traveler, who explored most of the United States and Europe, as well as parts of Asia, Africa, and South America. His favorite place was Yosemite National Park. He generously shared his enthusiasm for traveling, by sending my sister, Peggy, and I on a visit to 13 European countries when we were just in our teens. This left a big impact on me and my memories are as vivid as if it was yesterday. We were so fortunate to visit and learn about some of the greatest cultures and places in the world. He also generously took my mom and dad to Europe shortly before my dad passed away. These gifts are priceless.

Uncle Richard was an intelligent man, always up to date on current events. He read newspapers and Consumer Reports daily, and could discuss any subject knowledgeably.

Uncle Richard was a wonderful photographer. He took beautiful pictures of our family and his travels. I cherish these photographs. He also enjoyed coin collecting.

Uncle Richard graduated from Denby High School in 1941, and next to his picture in his yearbook is the quote "Silence is Strength". This suits him very well. He still enjoyed going to luncheons with his Denby Alumni, as well as yearly activities with his colleagues from

*Fisher Body. He enjoyed his visits with all of these friends.*

*Uncle Richard served our country during World War II as a member of the United States Army. He received numerous battle stars and medals.*

*Now my Uncle Richard, a noble, generous, caring, and hardworking man, is traveling to the most precious, eternal destination of all. Rest in Peace Uncle Richard.*

*Sandy*

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**sandy constantino** - March 06, 2016 at 09:34 AM

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“*Even though my brother and I only saw you on Holidays, it was always really nice to receive the tightest hugs I have ever been given, and see the most genuine smiles and laughter. Thank you for those memories, you will genuinely be missed.*”

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**Monica Ciappara** - March 06, 2016 at 09:34 AM

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“*Uncle Richard will be truly missed, he was the last of his generation in our family. As the six of us were growing up he was at the house every Sunday at 12:25 for coffee, even after our father passed he continued to visit our mother until she passed. Every time I would call or visit him he always asked how everyone in the family was doing. When we were young he would give us three silver dollars for our birthdays. He loved to travel the world. After one of his first trips, he liked it so much that he sent Sandy and I on a trip to Europe. This will always be a lasting memory for me. He continued to keep in touch with high school classmates from Denby High and the retirees from General Motors.*”

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**Peggy Smolinski** - March 06, 2016 at 09:01 AM

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“ *Richard was a good neighbor and friend. I'll miss him. Linda Morefield*

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**Linda Morefield** - March 03, 2016 at 02:06 PM

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“ *Uncle Richard was at the house every Sunday unless he was on one of his many trips. He loved "gooey" donuts and cashews. When I was young he would draw beautiful pictures of mountains with my crayons. I loved it. To my amazement he still had luncheons with classmates and retirees. He will be missed.*

*Judy*

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**Judy Strong** - March 02, 2016 at 05:14 PM