



## Robert N. Pugh

July 5, 1933 - February 10, 2017

Robert Nelson Pugh

Age 83, resident of Shelby Township

Passed away on Friday, February 10, 2017 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital

Born July 5, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan

Beloved husband of 52 years to the late Hiroko Taki Pugh.

Loving father of Robin Benvenuti, Richard (Debbie) and Scott (LeaAnn).

Proud Grandfather of Robert, Nicholas, Jenna, Michael, Alexandra, Zachary and Cooper

Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Bob was a veteran and served in the United States Air Force with the 4080th Field Maintenance Squadron. He retired from General Motors Research after 33 years, was long time pioneer member of SGI-USA and a frequent traveler to the Florida Nature and Culture Center (FNCC) in Florida. He was able to meet and talk lovingly with each grandchild just days prior to his passing. A memory that each one will always treasure.

The family will receive visitors at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blks E of Van Dyke) in Utica on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm after which the family will take a short break before a private memorial service for family and close friends at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions may be sent to

Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA <<http://fundraiser.soka.edu/registration.aspx>>

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life Service**

MAR 11. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317  
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### **Celebration of Life gathering**

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# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Richard, Debbie, Michael and Alex, my heartfelt condolences to you. May the memories you cherish dear to your heart comfort you at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs,  
Rose Kalair*

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**Rose Kalair** - March 12, 2017 at 05:35 PM

JH

“ *My memory goes back to 1970 and 1971 when Michigan was part of Ohio General Chapter and we would drive up to Detroit many weekends to participate in SGI meetings. It was not an easy time but Bob and Hiroko stood up to the challenge and encouraged many YD. However, recently, we met a member who is not back in Detroit who mentioned something that has encouraged us that Bob had suggested sometime ago. He was talking about members who do not come to activities except occasionally. They may also difficult to HV. Bob suggested that sending them a greeting card or even just a personal note may help. My friend who has several members who for many reasons do not come out and was encouraged to try this. I don't know exactly when he made this suggestion but it is like the gift that keeps on giving.  
Losing a father is definitely not easy . However, it may be of some comfort to know that because all the great causes he made, he earned so much fortune for his next one.*

*My warmest wishes,  
Joan Rogers Holland  
Chicago, IL*

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**Joan Holland** - March 11, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert N. Pugh.*



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March 10, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *What a brilliantly victorious life, a shining example to us all. It was an honor and pleasure to have known you. Looking forward to fighting alongside you again.*

*Our deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

*Warmest regards,  
Marie and Steve Goldner*

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**Marie Goldner** - March 08, 2017 at 07:19 AM



“ *When I first joined Nichiren Shosu, Mr, Pugh was at the vanguard of the organization. He once told me about study, "If you don't study you fail to understand the true purpose of the teachings." Thank you Mr. Pugh.*

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**Jeanine McDonald** - March 02, 2017 at 04:00 PM

JW

“ *Most noteworthy is this: Regarding the study of Buddhist humanism, Bob will always stand as a true example of faith, practice and study for the rest of us fellow Nichiren Buddhists. Thus it goes without saying that Bob was quite adept with the writings and teachings of Nichiren and of our three eternal mentors. Thank you Bob...I will always treasure our unique relationship.*

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**James K. Warunek** - March 02, 2017 at 06:32 AM

PI

“ *Bob and Hiroku supported me in some dark times. Bob was a scholar of Buddhism and always had a seeking mind. His spirit continues to guide us.*

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**Pi Irwin** - March 01, 2017 at 10:20 AM

JJ

“ *To a wonderful mentor and friend, with my deepest respect and gratitude - I thank you!*



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**John Jurkowski** - March 01, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JD

“ Thank you Mr. Pugh. I appreciated and valued you.

*I will never forget....you and Mrs. Pugh came to the viewing for my Father after he made his transition. That was so kind and considerate. You said he looked very dignified.*

*May you rest in peace and power. See you next lifetime.*

*Janet D. Mc Donald*



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**Janet D. Mc Donald** - March 01, 2017 at 08:10 AM

GL

“ Bob and I worked together ar GMR. I have been staying in contact with Bob since his wife died. Very sorry to hear of his passing. I will miss his phone calls.

*Gil Lalonde*

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**Gil Lalonde** - February 21, 2017 at 10:15 AM