



# Edward Kwiecinski

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**E**dward Kwiecinski, age 84, passed away on March 5, 2015. He was born in Detroit to the late Henry and Mary Kwiecinski on September 27, 1930. He faithfully served his country during the Korean War. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 plus years; Lorraine Kwiecinski, daughter; Nancy (John) Klein, sons; Ed and Michael Kwiecinski.

He is also survived by his grandchildren; Carolyn, John, and Jacquelyn and brother; Richard Kwiecinski.

He was preceded in death by brother; Henry Kwiecinski.

A memorial service will be held on at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 at L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home, St.Clair. A memorial gathering will take place from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Heart to Heart Hospice of Bingham Farms, MI. To leave the family a message of comfort please visit :

[www.lcfandson.com](http://www.lcfandson.com)



# Events

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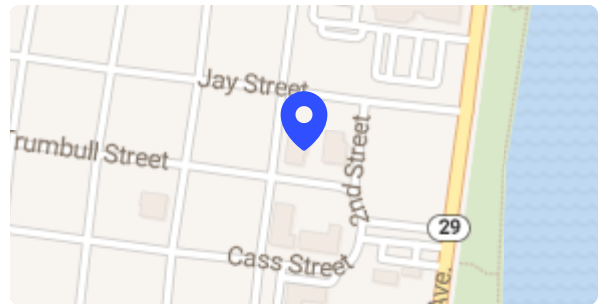
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## Memorial Gathering

**Saturday**, March 14, 2015

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM ET

**L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home**  
214 Trumbull, St. Clair MI

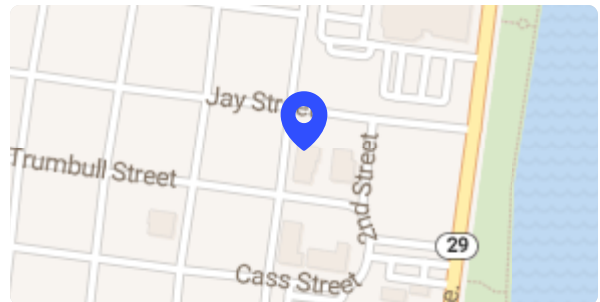


## Memorial Service

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214 Trumbull, St. Clair MI 48079



## Cemetery Details

Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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FH

**Funeral Home** posted:

Eulogy Part 2 Ed was a kind and gentle man who loved his grand children. During those fun years when Nancy and I were raising our kids, Ed and Lorraine were involved grandparents, always available to help out when needed. Carolyn, John and Jackie have fond memories of staying overnight with grandma and grandpa and playing games at the farm. Nancy and I have also have fond memories of the kids staying overnight at the farm, but for different reasons. Ed and Lorraine loved to travel and took Nancy and the kids on many exciting and educational trips. One summer they went to England, France, and Italy. Another summer they did an Alaska land sea cruise. Perhaps the most fun of all was a cruise on Disney's Big Red Boat. There were also multiple car trips around the country including a visit to see the Grand Canyon. I lived in Arizona for nine years and I never saw the Grand Canyon. My point in reviewing these stories is to illustrate the deep bond that Ed and Lorraine have with their grandchildren. Thank you Ed and thank you Lorraine for all you help and kindness over the years. Dealing with declining health, Ed's last few years were tough ones, tough on him and tough on his family. However, there is one funny story I would like to share although it wasn't funny at the time. Last summer Nancy and I were at the farm and she asked me to watch Ed while she and her mom went out for a couple of hours. Ed could only walk very slowly with a walker and besides he was in bed taking a nap, so this should be easy. About a half hour later I was working on the computer in the front room when I heard the screen door slam. It took a minute to register that the screen door wasn't supposed to be slamming because Ed was suppose to be taking a nap. I ran into his room and he was gone. I then ran outside thinking he had gone out to road to get the mail. At that point I was mentally working on my alibi in case something bad had happened. There was no Ed in the front of the house so I ran around to the back and there he was sitting in a lawn chair soaking up the sun. When I came up to him with my heart beating a mile a minute he looked up at me and said "nice day". During his final years no man ever had more love or care than Ed did in this difficult time. That his children devoted as much time as possible to taking care their dad and visiting him almost daily in the nursing home or hospital is a testament to their love for their father. We should all be so lucky to have this kind of love and support in our declining years. I last saw Ed shortly before he passed away. Lorraine, my son John and I had lunch with Ed at the My Doctors Inn where he was living. It was a long lunch because Ed needed help eating and he still had the appetite of a hoarse. Toward the end of lunch Lorraine asked Ed what he was going to do today. For an instant the old Ed returned and he said "I'm going home to work out". A few days later he left us. May God bless and welcome home Ed Kwiecinski... husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

March 23 at 4:01 AM



FH

**Funeral Home** posted:

Eulogy part 1 Thank you for being here today to remember and celebrate the life of Ed Kwiecinski. I first met Ed in 1984, but before I could meet Ed of course I first had to meet Nancy. I met Nancy playing volleyball with the Young Republicans in Royal Oak. I know what you're thinking, but yes, there were some young republicans back in 1984. Anyway, we would play volley ball outside in the summer at Kimball high school. I was immediately attracted to Nancy because of her big vocabulary. She told me she had two degrees and knew lots of big words. I had always wanted to go out with a girl with a big vocabulary and we started dating. One Saturday soon after we met, I stopped by her condo to show off my new car, a Toyota Supra, a very hot car back in the day. I knocked on the door and instead of Nancy, out came this very tall 6ft 3 guy who put out his hand and said I'm Ed Kwiecinski. Almost immediately we started talking Tiger baseball. 1984 was the year of the 35 and 5 start, "bless you boys" and winning the World Series. In this "meet the parents" moment, Ed went out of his way to get to know me and make me feel comfortable. I thought to myself what a nice guy and boy this guy can really talk. Ed Kwiecinski was born on September 9th, 1930 in Detroit. Also in 1930 the planet Pluto was discovered, Mickey Mouse first appeared in comic strips, Better Made Potato Chips started selling the best potato chips in the world, and the chocolate chip cookie was invented at the Toll House Inn in Whitman Massachusetts. 1930 was also the start of the Great Depression. At the depth of the depression 25% of the entire US work force was unemployed. That was over 15 million people. Half the banks failed and depositors lost all their money. In those days there weren't the social safety nets that exist today, if you were unemployed you were out of luck. This was a desperate and harsh time that today's generation x, y, z and even us baby boomers would have a hard time understanding or relating to. However, this didn't mean Ed's boyhood was all doom and gloom. Ed was blessed to have two older brothers, Henry and Richard who loved him and looked out for him. School, work, sports, and camaraderie allowed the brothers to endure the depression and have some great fun along the way. This all changed at the start of World War II with Hank joining the Army in 1942. The brothers' military service continued with Richard joining the Army in 1948 followed by Ed in 1950. When the call to duty came, they answered. Ed was immensely proud of serving his country and being a Korean War Veteran. Ed's military service, as well as that of his brothers and millions of other veterans enabled Ed to pursue and realize the American Dream. He finished college, worked hard, got a good paying job, met a pretty girl, got married, bought a house, had children, got a better paying job, bought a bigger house, saw three children graduate from college, had three grandchildren, retired with a pension, and traveled around the world. Individually these accomplishments add up to a full and successful life well lived.

March 10 at 3:06 PM



## Tribute Wall

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HM

**H. Macmillan** posted:

Dear Lorraine, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Hope you are doing okay. My sincere sympathy to you and all your family. When you are up to it, try & come to our retirement group. (4th Tues.) All the best, Helene MacMillan

March 17 at 1:07 PM

EM

**Ed Mahoney** posted:

I will always remember Ed for his quiet ways and intellectual curiosity with me. My deepest condolences to all family members for the loss of this dear person. He will be missed very much.

March 14 at 3:26 AM

DR

**Dan Rys** posted:

Dear Lorraine, Nancy and family, It was sad news to hear of Ed's passing. Please extend my personal condolences, on behalf of Darlene and myself, to each of you. Ed was a very nice, gentle man who was very positive in his outlook and one who encouraged many. We will remember him and each of you in our thoughts and prayers. I am sorry that another commitment will prohibit us from being with you on Saturday. Love, Dan and Darlene Rys

March 10 at 3:06 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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