



John V. Deaver

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John V. Deaver died on March 22, 2020, in his home at Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Michigan. He was born on June 16, 1922, in Tustin, California, the son of Virgil and Louise (Utt) Deaver. He had been a resident of St. Clair County, Michigan, from 1983 until 2016 at which time he moved to the Henry Ford Village, a retirement community in Dearborn. Mr. Deaver leaves his wife Belle; four children, Carolyn (Robert) Rau, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Charlotte Deaver of Brooklyn, New York; Lucas Deaver of New Rochelle, New York; Katherine Ziquin of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; two stepchildren, Catherine Knoth of Maine; and the Reverend Paul David (Duffy) Lawson of Claremont, California; a sister, Elisabeth Archambault; a sister-in-law, Carol Deaver of Escondido, California; grandchildren, Elizabeth Kosel, Robert F. Rau, Nicholas Rau, Benjamin Deaver, and Boethius Lawson; great grandchild Natalie Grace Kosel. He was predeceased by a son, Winston Deaver, two brothers, Edward Deaver and James Deaver, and a sister-in-law Violet Deaver. Mr. Deaver served in Scotland and Italy during World War II as an Air Force navigator and flew 32 Special Office of Strategic Services missions over Norway, Italy, and Germany. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic actions over the Italian Alps in the spring of 1945. Before the War he attended Black Mountain College in North Carolina. After the War he lived in Mexico City where he attended Mexico City College, received a Master's Degree and taught Economics. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Chicago where he studied under Milton Friedman. Following his studies, Mr. Deaver was employed as an economist with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, then with General Electric Company, then with Ford Motor Company. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1987 where he had held the position of Chief Economist. While at Ford he had three times been awarded the Seer of the Year trophy from Harvard Business School as the economist who most accurately predicted the economic outlook for that year. After his retirement Mr.



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Deaver became Chairman of the St. Clair County Republican Party in 1988 and served for several years. He was associated with Kirsch Technologies of St. Clair and RMD Technologies of Ypsilanti, and assisted in establishing Unity Mold of Croswell. Mr. Deaver held several offices in the St. Clair Rotary Club, including President in 1999, and was a member of the American Legion Post 449 in Marysville, Michigan. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Clair and St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit and was the co-founder of the Curmudgeons, a discussion group in St. Clair. A funeral service will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Saturday August 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be Friday July 31, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home, St. Clair, Michigan. Urn interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. on Tuesday August 24th at 3:00 p.m. EST. To livestream military honors at Arlington National Cemetery please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXqlTVXyVTY> In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or the St. Clair Rotary Club. Local arrangements by L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home. To leave a message of comfort visit www.lcfandson.com



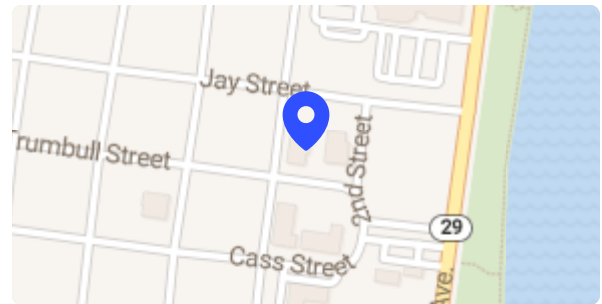
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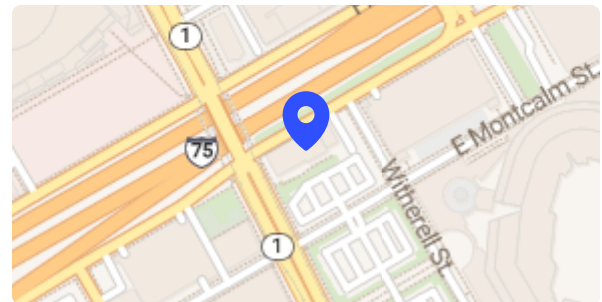
Visitation

- Friday**, July 31, 2020
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home**
214 Trumbull St, Saint Clair MI 48079



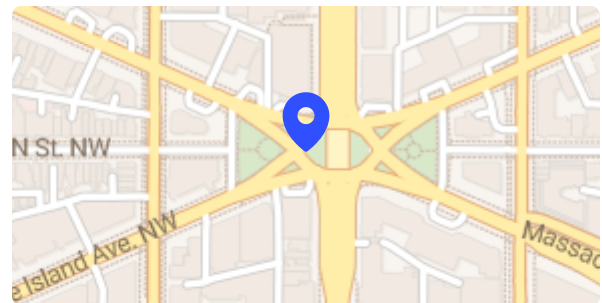
Service

- Saturday**, August 1, 2020
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. John's Episcopal Church**
2326 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48201



Cemetery Details

- Arlington National Cemetery**
Washington D.C. MI





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L.C. Friederichs Funeral Home shared 22 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



July 31 at 4:54 AM



Chaplain David Gillis posted:

Members of The American Legion Post 382 express their sympathy to the family and friends of fellow veteran John. We are grateful for his heroic services with the Army Air Corps during World War II. On a personal note, John was a personal friend and fellow Rotarian and "Curmudgeon" who I will always remember as a mentor. Thank you John for making my life much more interesting and richer.

July 30 at 4:25 AM



James J Bier posted:

John became friends with Lea and me through St. Clair Rotary. He was a ready volunteer and such an engaging person. I learned to be thoughtful and patient by following his example. Our short time with him has been cherished for many years. Jim and Lea Bier

July 28 at 5:03 AM



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