



Mr Edward J Robinson

November 24, 1933 - January 16, 2014

Former Michigan State Senator Edward J. Robinson, of St. Clair, Michigan, formerly Dearborn, Michigan passed away on January 16, 2014. Son of the late Dominic Edward and Mary Ann Robinson (nee Douherty). He married Rose Marie "Teddi" Robinson (nee Kirchner) on May 28th, 1960 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Cleveland Hts, OH. Champion of the underdog, He was thinking of others up to his final days. He wrote in his book, "While The Eagle Sleeps" that his opinions and philosophies on life were a product of his life experiences, which included growing up in a large Irish Catholic family and meeting Henry Ford in his youth, later working at Ford Motor Company. He graduated from Sacred Heart High in Dearborn where excelling in academics and sports and was class president his junior and senior years. He attended the University of Notre Dame, where he was active in acting, sports and debate, receiving awards for Oratory and Best Collegiate Male Actor. Receiving a Bachelor's degree in economics, he ran as the youngest candidate for Mayor of Dearborn at the age of 21. He then entered the Marines where he served as a Lieutenant for 3 years and 5 years in the Reserves. He later attended the Detroit College of Law while campaigning and was elected to the State Senate as representative for Dearborn. While a State Senator, he served on the Appropriations committee and became lifelong friends with former Detroit Mayor Colman A. Young, He was proud of his achievements in legislating mandatory newborn testing for Phenylketonuria (PKU) into law paving the way for newborn testing requirements saving the lives of countless individuals. He was a tireless political activist and campaigner for the Democratic party but when he felt the other party had the right stuff, he was there to support them . He was a lifelong advocate for philanthropic endeavors, active at Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit, serving as Executive Director of Community Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit and was Director of the Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development Authority. His business, political and philanthropic career was impressive to say the least, but his greatest pride and achievement in life were lifelong friends and a family that he loved and was proud of in all their achievements small and large. He is survived by his wife Teddi, daughter Rachel (Walt) Pustulka and grandson Jason, son Ryan (Kathy) Robinson and grandchildren Kaitlin, Ryan, Clare, Molly and Jack, and son John (Lynn) Robinson and grandchildren Ben and Betsy. He is also survived by

sisters Janice Wietecha and Margaret Wehring, many in-laws, nieces and nephews and countless friends. He is preceeded in death by his sisters Alma Muir, Arline Winowiecki, Bernadine Robinson and brother Goldwyn Robinson.

The wake will be on Sunday, January 19, 2014 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home in St. Clair. In state Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair from 10 AM till mass at

11 AM. Memorials may be made in Ed's name to Most Holy Trinity , 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226.

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Events

JAN 19 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 06:00PM

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

JAN 20 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Mary's Catholic Church
415 N. Sixth, St. Clair, MI, US

JAN 20 **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

St. Mary's Catholic Church
415 N. Sixth, St. Clair, MI, US

Comments



“ Our hearts go out to you, Aunt Teddi, at this difficult time. We all will miss Uncle Eddie's vivacious personality and quick wit. My mother, Monica, always talked of him with such affection and was so happy when they could get together.

Marion & Joan Denny Valle - January 19, 2014 at 06:44 PM



“ Mr. R will always be remembered as a big part of my childhood as I played next door with Rachel, Ryan and John. From the biggest fireworks in St. Clair and best summer parties, to the wonderful stories he always liked to share with us, he will be sadly missed. Hugs and love to Mrs. R and his entire family - so sad we can't be with you today and tomorrow to celebrate mass in his honor. Michelle Morgan Stys



Michelle - January 19, 2014 at 03:09 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Ed's family. My father, Bill Robbins, knew Ed in their early years playing baseball in Dearborn. They also were in law school together and shared a love of politics. Ed was so very kind when my father passed away in Jan. 2007, to contact the funeral home to speak to me directly as due to his recent hospitalization, he was unable to attend the visitation. He also followed up with a wonderful note, sharing his memories of my father and their friendship. His kindness in reaching out to us during our time of sadness was greatly appreciated by our family. We know the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather is very difficult and we wanted to extend our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Katherine (Robbins) Ferguson and Margaret Robbins

Katherine Ferguson - January 19, 2014 at 01:37 PM

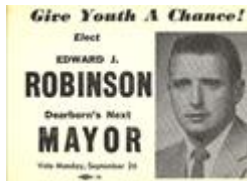


“ Uncle Ed always told us the story of how he happily took young George around with him as a way to meet women. George repaid the favor by becoming Ed's ring bearer at his wedding to Teddi, whom he wisely chose as his bride. We had last talked to Ed on Anne's birthday in December, when he said her voice made him feel better. We will always remember him with great love and good memories. Love to everyone, George and Anne Robinson (Goldies' son and daughter)

George and Anne Robinson - January 19, 2014 at 01:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album A memory of the past



Jim Stimac - January 19, 2014 at 01:12 PM



“ We are sorry to hear about Uncle Eddie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark, Mike & Dave Millar and our families

The Millar Boys - January 19, 2014 at 01:09 PM



“ An Irish blessing for you, Uncle Eddie;

"May your heart be warm and happy

With the lilt of Irish laughter

Every day in every way

And forever and ever after. "

Tim and Debra Wietecha

Tim & Debra Wietecha - January 19, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ Paul & Judy Rae purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



Paul & Judy Rae - January 19, 2014 at 12:16 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Robinson Family from Edward's friends in the Sacred Heart Alumni Association. Clearly his was a life well lived!

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Mary Beth (Dignan) Oravec - January 19, 2014 at 12:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 19, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Eddie's passing. Wonderful man. Love to all of the family. Anne (Schneider) and Michael Lee.

Anne Lee - January 19, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ Teleflora's Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 19, 2014 at 07:08 AM



“ I will always remember the wonderful Robinson's family reunion at my brothers Ed's home. Love Margaret

Margaret Robinson - January 18, 2014 at 10:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 18, 2014 at 09:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 18, 2014 at 07:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 18, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



January 18, 2014 at 02:32 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you. Milt and Joan McCooye cousins from ottawa. (Ada Robinsons daughter)

Joan - January 18, 2014 at 11:36 AM



“ I was very surprised to hear about cousin Ed. I was just talking to him before Christmas. I am Dan Meehan's mother and I am sure that if Dan was still here that we would be there with you. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Your cousin Mary Robinson from Ottawa.

Mary Robinson - January 18, 2014 at 10:48 AM



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William Schneider - January 17, 2014 at 07:33 PM



“ Except for the fact that Eddie was a Democrat , we were kindred spirit. I attended the wedding reception for Teddie and Eddie at the Lake Shore Hotel and remember to this day the final line of Eddies toast ...he assured Uncle Frank that he was not loosing a daughter but merely opening up a Dearborn branch. Years later in 1985 I introduced Eddie to the Cellular Telephone business and we had many adventures as a result...Including one that survives to day. To return the favor, Eddie introduced me to the Anchor Bar, Leo Daderian, Jim Sheridan, the London Chop House , the St, Clair Inn, The Book Building and countless establishments frequented by the legions of Damon Runyon characters he counted a friends and who regarded Eddie as some sort of guru/magician ... after all , HE was the real mayor of Detroit.
I will miss him.

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Albert E.R. Schneider,III - January 17, 2014 at 05:52 PM



“ 3 files added to the album When Eddie and Rose would come to Florida we never misses a chance to be with them. Billy and Marily



William Schneider - January 17, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ Just loved Senator Ed. We knew him for many years, until one day we found out we moved next door to him! What a great neighbor! VO in a Waterford glass on his golfcart! Teddy will carry on this great tradition!

Yolanda Johnson - January 17, 2014 at 12:24 PM



“ Yolanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr Edward J Robinson



Yolanda Johnson - January 17, 2014 at 12:18 PM



“ Janice and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr Edward J Robinson.



Janice and family - January 17, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ Marie Turchanik lit a candle in memory of Mr Edward J Robinson



Marie Turchanik - January 17, 2014 at 09:47 AM



“ Rose Marie- Our sincerest thoughts and prayers for you and your family in this time of sorrow. Eddie was a great soul. Peace to all. Billy and Marilyn Schneider

William Schneider - January 17, 2014 at 04:24 PM