



Richard "Dick" McDevitt

June 4, 1928 - February 24, 2017

Richard Edward McDevitt, age 88, suddenly, February 24, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Lea Elizabeth Keating. Loving father of Christine (Steve), Eileen , Maureen , Richard, (deceased) Anne, and David. Brother of Mary Reid, Betty (Ollie) Boss, and Sr. Mary McDevitt, I.H.M, (Nancy). Brother-in-law of Tom Keating (Jan) Beloved Grandfather of Brandon and Ryan Potocsky. Significant other of Audrey Murtland.

Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Richard attended Jesu Elementary school in Detroit, St. Thomas Military Academy, in St. Paul, MN where he rose to the rank of General and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He attended The University of Detroit and earned a B. S. in Mathematics and Ph. B. (Juris Doctor). He was President of The Student Bar Association, Toastmaster of the Annual Senior Banquet at The University of Detroit School of Law graduating in 1954. He was an avid sports fan, both college and professional, expert woodworker, lover of antiques and spent 30 years working on his beloved "CEMRAD" cottage in Bay View (named by using the first initial of each of his children (in age order).

He will certainly be missed by his family and friends but will be remembered for being outrageously smart, intellectually curious, cautious, funny and lover of all social events.

Visitation O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI.

Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. visitation and 2 p.m. memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Foundation Fighting Blindness at

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046 800 683-5555.click here to contribute (<https://www.blindness.org>)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Ave
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 348-1800
info@obsfh.com

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ *Judy Valenti purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Dick" McDevitt.*



Judy Valenti - February 27, 2017 at 07:55 PM

DC

“ *It is with great sadness of hearing of Dick's passing. The McDevitt family has deep roots in Bay View. They are as much a part of the Bay View community as any family that has lived in this remarkable community through the generations. It had to give Dick and Lea great joy to know that several of their children are cottage owners and are deeply involved in the community. It is our joy to work with one of them, Anne, who's love of her father was boundless and who is carrying on the tradition established by Dick and Lea. Dick & Lea's life brings to mind Joshua 1:9 "Be firm and steadfast, do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." All honor to Dick McDevitt. David & Teresa Crouse.*

David Crouse - February 27, 2017 at 03:48 PM

GG

“ Dear David, Annie, ,Christine and Eileen.
Were so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Your Mom and Dad and your whole family were very special to us. Every time we go by your old cottage we think of you all. Your parents were always so kind, helpful and had a great sense of humor. We loved them as neighbors and as friends. You kids are so caring to each other, you're parents must be very proud of you. We look forward some future summers with you.
Hugs to all,
Jan and Gerrit and the kids

gerrit and Jan Gucky - February 27, 2017 at 03:21 PM

MK

“ So sorry for the family's loss. No matter what the age it is never easy. Also, sorry my wife Linda and I won't see you at the Memorial. I never read the obituaries, but something tugged me to do so or I may not have known. I remember Maureen's dad calling or having her call him at certain times to remind her he was nearby and to show his concern for her in a loving way. Those were fun days doing theatre at Meadowbrook and Greenfield Village with Maureen and Eileen. I now do my theatre in the courtroom...bit different. All my best to you dear girls and your family. Shall say some prayers for your dad, and of course all your family. With sincerest condolences,

Michael and Linda Kelley

Michael and Linda Kelley - February 27, 2017 at 01:38 PM

BD

“ This is a great loss to those of us who grew up with Mr. McDevitt being both our friends' parent and our parents' friend. I will dearly miss him and Mrs. McDevitt but will always remember them the way they were when they were in their prime. They were a loving couple who opened their home to many visitors, who were always fun and interesting to talk to. My deepest sympathies go to Christine, Eileen, Annie and David.

Barbara Dau

Barbara Dau - February 27, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JW

“ Condolences to the McDevitt family from a member of the Bay View family. Dick's Leah was very kind to my late wife Delores when we were "new" Bay Viewers" in the 1970's. Dick supervised the legal aspects of Worker's Compensation for Chrysler Corp and i performed the same function for General Motors and we would occasionally cross paths. jack Wheatley, wheatleyj1@michigan.gov

Jack Wheatley - February 27, 2017 at 06:18 AM