



Mr. Edward R. Suwal

March 1, 1924 - January 4, 2013

Edward R. Suwal, age 88, died peacefully at home on January 4. He was a devoted husband and father, survived by his wife of 64 years Loretta, and children David (Katie), Louise (Gary) Denolf and Paul. He proudly served his country in WWII (123rd Infantry Regiment) and throughout his life, he expanded his intrinsic nature of service beyond the military arena to helping people wherever help was needed. Ed was genuinely interested in each person he encountered, so in civilian life, he found a career that would provide the means to raise his family while being true to his values, interior design—the perfect venue to integrate his dedication to service and live his life with integrity. And he made it seem easy! And we can't forget another special gift Ed shared. It began when he was inspired to gather flat rocks in northern Michigan. He lugged those flat rocks home to his basement art studio and began painting... you name it, he painted it. If you're reading this, you've probably seen one or have some. His rocks became yet another way to connect and serve while doing something he loved. Then there was Ed the adventurer. Despite his love of home and family, his sense of adventure was always close to the surface. So each time opportunity knocked, he was ready, like the time he hiked the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska. So this was Ed Suwal. And if you knew him, or even just met him briefly, you knew he cared about you. We encourage you, as Ed would, to share your gifts with everyone you encounter. And always keep your sense of adventure close to the surface! Please join us for Ed's memorial mass, Saturday February 16 at 10 a.m. at St.

Raymond's Church, 20103 Joann Street, Detroit.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Raymond - Our Lady of Good Counsel
20103 Joann
Detroit, MI 48205
(313) 527-0525
<http://straymondolgc.org>

Tribute Wall

KM

“*Mrs. Suwal, just wanted to say how sorry I was to hear of the passing of Mr Suwal. He was a great family man, neighbor and supporter of St Raymonds church, always liked running into you and Mr. Suwal at St Rays functions. Remembering the great time I had traveling with the Suwal family to Washington D.C., seeing our countries monumets and camping. Hello to Dave, Paul and Louise and sending prayers to help you and your family get thru this difficult time. Kathy Olowniuk(McArthur)*

Kathleen Olowniuk McArthur - February 10, 2013 at 11:14 AM

AW

“*Hello Loretta, David, Louise and Paul, I was a big fan and friend of Eds. I also worked at The HEarthside furniture store in Utica, MI some time ago. Mr. Suwal was the consimate professional always looking out for others. He always knew what to say and how to say it, in any situation. and yes, he gave me alot of fatherly advise.For Christmas one year, he gave me a pair of pewter candlesticks as a gift.I still cherrish them.Ed truly loved his family.Always spoke of them proudly. I am so sorry for your loss.Ed will be be missed by all that knew him.*

Sincerely, Annette DeVita Woods



Annette DeVita Woods - January 22, 2013 at 03:30 PM

EJ

“ My name is Emily Joines (Dopp), I remember Ed working at my dad and grandfather's furniture store, Dopp Furniture. He was a wonderful man with such a warm kind heart. I enjoyed working with him tremendously. I recently just found a stack of magnets that Ed had painted for me over the years. I love them! They decorated the inside of my locker in high school, and my apartments after that. He was amazing.

I am so sorry for your loss and I hope you can find peace and comfort in your family and friends. The world certainly lost a great man today. God bless.

Emily Joines - January 21, 2013 at 04:09 PM

PB

“ Hi Mrs. Suwal,
I'm Pat (Jennings) Buchman. I used to work with Ed when he was at Hearthside. I worked in the office when it first opened. I was there until 1978. He was a good man and watched out for me when I was there. He was a true friend and someone I could talk to if I needed some "fatherly" advice. I am so sorry to hear about Ed. The two of you were together for a long time. This must be hard for you and I am truly sorry for your loss. May you have many cherished moments to think about to help you through this most difficult time. Condolences to you and your family. We've lost a good person!
Sincerely, Pat Buchman

Patricia Buchman - January 20, 2013 at 07:29 PM

DS

“ 49 files added to the album *The Life & Times of Ed Suwal*



David Suwal - January 12, 2013 at 10:56 PM

GO

Dear David, Thank you very much for producing this compilation and sharing it. This is a beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. How fortunate we are to have known him and to be included amongst the many he befriended. We knew him as Uncle Ed for many years and he was a gentleman and always treated us like a gentleman even throughout our early years. A few of his many attributes that he embodied were love of family, perseverance, generosity, humility, caring, compassion, class and grace. Regards, Gary O.

Gary Osak - February 01, 2013 at 10:05 PM