



Rocky Meldrum

September 30, 1934 - April 16, 2024

Fred “Rocky” Meldrum passed away peacefully in the early hours of April 16th, 2024, at age 89.

Rocky came from the most humble of beginnings on Oak Street “servants row” in Grosse Pointe, and went on to found and lead one of the most respected landscape supply yards in Southeast Michigan, Meldrum Brothers Nursery, with his partner and younger brother George.

He loved talking business and history, bird hunting, leaving long voicemails, the occasional Manhattan, and his favorite late night snack: a glass (or three) of port wine and a piece (or box) of chocolate. Most of all though, he loved his family.

Rocky was a true Patriarch of his family, always instilling the most wonderful traditions that will continue to last for generations. He was the perfect balance of warmth and masculinity, and would never miss a chance to tell you how much he loved you, or how proud you made him.

Rocky poured out his love to everyone who knew him, from his well renowned work in the nursery and landscape industry, to his weekly phone calls and lunches with his children, grandchildren and dear friends. To say Rocky will be missed by many would be a grave understatement. His generosity, heart, and

wisdom reached more souls than can be fathomed. A well respected businessman, father, and adoring grandfather does not begin to describe this man whom so many have modeled their own lives after.

Rocky is survived by his three children, Fred Meldrum, John Meldrum, and Sherry (Jack) DiGiovanni, as well as his seven grandchildren and their five spouses, sixteen great grandchildren, his sister Marie, and his beloved "Nin."

Please join us in celebrating the life of Rocky Meldrum Friday, April 19th from 2-8 pm at Wasik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Road. Memorial service on Saturday April 20th at 11 am, Immaculate Conception, 9764 Dixie Highway.

In lieu of sending flowers, please consider donating to one of the following charities that meant so much to Rocky:

- The American Lung Association
- Meals on Wheels
- St. Jude's

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

APR **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception
9764 Dixie Highway
Ira Township, MI 48023

Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception
9764 Dixie Highway
Ira Township, MI 48023

Tribute Wall

GV

“ Giedre V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocky Meldrum.

Giedre V. - June 16, 2024 at 06:56 PM

AS

“ Thinking of you and your family during this time - a donation has been made to the American Lung Association in honor of your dear Grandpa.

Love,
Jack and Alyssa Shull (Kuzatko)

Alyssa Shull - April 19, 2024 at 11:34 AM

JD

“ Jonah D. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rocky Meldrum.



Jonah D. - April 19, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JD

“ Jonah D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocky Meldrum.

Jonah D. - April 19, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BR

“ Rocky was one of a kind! He had such a larger-than-life presence. We're grateful to have known him for many years as both a colleague and friend. He will be greatly missed. With our deepest sympathy, The Zendt Family; Jack, Barb, Brandy and Jason and all of us at Rocks 'n' Roots

Brandy - April 19, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rocky Meldrum.



April 19, 2024 at 09:04 AM

ZJ

“ Zendt Family: Jack, Barb, Brandy & Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocky Meldrum.

Zendt Family: Jack, Barb, Brandy & Jason - April 19, 2024 at 09:04 AM



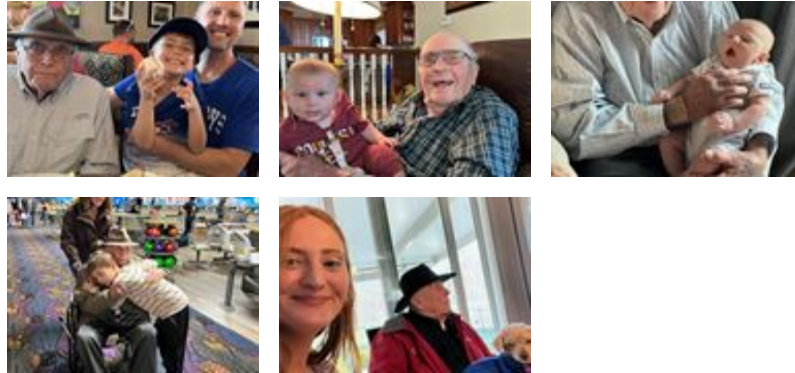
“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rocky Meldrum.



April 18, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ 221 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 18, 2024 at 01:46 PM

NC

Great pictures he was always a pleasure to see

Nicholas B Clancy - April 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Rocky Meldrum.*



April 18, 2024 at 01:25 PM

KK

“ *He was always so supportive and generous of the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" drive for the mentally impaired and he didn't want any recognition for his generous support. My prayers to his children and sister and their families. So sorry for you loss, Rest In Peace Rocky*



Kevin Komara - April 18, 2024 at 10:22 AM

LF

“ Love, The Bucci Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rocky Meldrum.



Love, The Bucci Family - April 17, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LF

“ Love, The Bucci Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocky Meldrum.

Love, The Bucci Family - April 17, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rocky Meldrum.



April 17, 2024 at 02:15 PM

WS

“ With Love, Fendt Builder's Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocky Meldrum.

With Love, Fendt Builder's Supply - April 17, 2024 at 02:15 PM

DC

“ It was an honor to have known Mr. Rocky Meldrum, and his entire family, for so many years! He was one of those guys that would light up a room, always so joyful and a pleasure to be around. Before I met him I was impressed by how my friends that knew him, described him, bigger than life itself!

I had been to his house a few times prior to making his acquaintance because, in the early 70's, when the parents were out for the evening or weekend, us teenagers threw wild parties in their basements! What fun that was with Freddie, Johnny and Sherry. We enjoyed time (and cocktails) together at many bird -hunting events over the years and it was ALWAYS a treat to see him.

He will be missed dearly.

Rest in Peace Rock, John is OK now, FINALLY!

Donny Cucco

DONNY CUCCO - April 17, 2024 at 01:59 PM

GC

“ As a young Sales consultant I met Rocky back in the early 1980's and became not only a business associate but a close friend as he helped mentor me as we became a supplier for his Meldrum Brothers Nursery when he moved to 23 Mile Road. He was what we called a man's man as he was not only big in stature but also had a wonderfully big personality along with honor loyalty once you gained his trust. He helped me not only professionally as well as teaching me about the business. I loved his authenticity and his love for the industry he truly was one of a kind and I will forever cherish his memory. George A Cochran

George A Cochran - April 17, 2024 at 12:04 PM