



## Earl Joseph LaFave

February 6, 1947 - December 2, 2019

LaFave, Earl Joseph, born February 6, 1947, entered into Eternal Life December 2, 2019.

Beloved husband of Rosemary. Loving father of Jeff (Brenda) and the late Michelle. Dear brother of Eugene (Patricia), Carla (the late Michael) O'Malley, Steve (Rene), Cheryl (John) Bassett, Greg (Andrea), and the late Larry (the late Diane). Proud grandfather of Lucas, Jacob, Joshua, and the late Kaylin. Also survived by many cousins, nephews, nieces, aunts, and friends. Born in Marquette, MI and attended St. Monica's Parish in Detroit and graduated from St. Mary's of Redford High School. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology, served proudly in the United States Army as an M.P. Married Rosemary Budd in 1968 and built their first home in Southfield, Michigan where they lived for 27 years before moving to Livingston County. Earl built many successful businesses with his brother Steven, beginning with a trucking company, Metro Transport, and then expanding into building and development with Beck Development and Green Oak Properties. Earl enjoyed traveling with his wife to Florida in their bus and to Aruba in the winter. They loved visiting with friends as well as attending his grandson's football games. He was an avid Detroit sports Fan. He supported many causes both non-profit and political. Visitation, Wednesday, December 4th 7-9 PM and Thursday, December 5th 1-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (between Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. Rosary Thursday evening. In state Friday, December 6th 9:30 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral

Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 721 Rickett Road, Brighton.

There will be a Private Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church or Brighton Football, 7878 Brighton Road, Brighton, MI 48116. To share a memory, please use the Share a memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## In state

DEC 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
721 Rickett Road  
Brighton, MI 48116

## Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
721 Rickett Road  
Brighton, MI 48116

# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Joseph LaFave*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I remember and am grateful for Earl's generous heart and the trips he took the Sisters on. May he Rest In Peace . My deepest sympathy to the family and my prayers . Blessings,. Sr. Celeste Hupert, csfn*

celeste - December 05, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



December 05, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Troy Aggregate Carriers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



Troy Aggregate Carriers - December 05, 2019 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Aggregate Carriers of Michigan, Inc. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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**Aggregate Carriers of Michigan, Inc.** - December 05, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 05, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 05, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 04, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *RIP Earl. My condolences to Rosemary as loosing a husband, is not an easy situation. I knew you as a man who filled the doorway, always with a smile on your face. Kathy (Budziszewski) Ryan.*

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**kathyryan** - December 04, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ *Earl always made my Mom and me feel SO welcome at their gatherings. His spirit will live on with his family. You have wonderful memories to cherish and share! Michelle was there with her loving arms to welcome her Dad home! Maybe he was able to walk with her down the path to the Pearly Gates of Eternal Life. Your family will be in our prayers to provide God's strength in the days ahead. \*Hugs\* All our Love*

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**Pat Chillik & Ann Budziszewski** - December 04, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 04, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 04, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Have very fond memories of Earl and Rosemary probably going back 50 years. Enjoyed their visits to Marquette as well as our visits to Detroit so many years ago. So sorry for your loss. RIP “Little” Earl!*

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**Sharon (DeVooght) Rule** - December 04, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Love, Your Work Skills Corporation Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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**Love, Your Work Skills Corporation Family** - December 04, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 04, 2019 at 11:04 AM

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“ Aunt Rose, Jeff, Brenda, Lucas, Jacob, Joshua & Family,

*I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Earl's passing. I'll never forget his booming voice and massive hugs. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you at this difficult time.*

*With Love,  
Candice Furlong & Family*

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**Candice Furlong** - December 04, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.



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December 04, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ so sorry for you loss, Steve Messina

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**Steve Messina** - December 04, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.



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December 03, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Earl in 1992. He was beginning to work on the Hidden Lake project. Earl possessed such a vision and passion for that project, as well as in every other aspect of his life, that it was awe inspiring. His passion taught me to never give up, to reach for the stars, and to continually pursue ones dreams. He was such a Papa Bear and always found the time for a friendly word or a belly laugh joke or two. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

*Mark Sweatman*

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**MArk Sweatman** - December 03, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.



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December 03, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CG

“ Earl was very, very kind to me after my late husband's sudden passing. As he drove through hidden lake he would stop and chit chat. It was very much appreciated. Hope Earl and Craig can cheer on the Spartans up in heaven. RIP Earl.

*Cindy Gutowski*

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**Cindy Gutowski** - December 03, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph LaFave.*



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December 03, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *On behalf of myself and the membership of the Home Builders Association of Livingston County, our heartfelt condolences to the family of Earl LaFave on his passing. Earl was a longstanding, loyal member of the HBA. He was outspoken in his protection of the housing industry, and instrumental in moving it ever forward. But more than that, he was a friend. He will be missed.*

*Boyd Buchanan*

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**Boyd Buchanan** - December 03, 2019 at 06:05 PM