



Edmund Joseph Knittel

April 16, 1936 - February 5, 2021

Edmund Joseph Knittel, 84, of Plymouth MI passed away peacefully with family by his side on February 5th 2021. Beloved husband of Nina for 49 years. He was one of 11 children born to the late John Martin and Mary Catherine (Dwyer) Knittel. Eddie was preceded in death by his brothers Richard, John (Joan), Gerald (Sue), Dennis and his sister Jeannine. Eddie is survived by his brother James (Ann) Knittel and sisters Suzanne (the late Jack) Hinds, Mary (William) Ulle, Joanne (the late Mark) Allen and Kathleen (Greg) Plymale as well as his sister-in-law May Knittel and brother-in-law Steve (Carla) Poma. Eddie had over 20 nieces & nephews as well as over 40 great nieces & nephews who loved him like a father/grandfather. Family always came first.

Eddie was born in Detroit MI on April 16th 1936. He attended McKenzie High school and the University of Detroit Mercy. He was a veteran in the United States Army. He played baseball for many years and was recruited by the New York Giants. He ultimately decided to remain with his family and serve his city as a Detroit Police Officer for 25 years. He was a Lead Security Officer at Providence Hospital for another 12 years. In retirement, he could be found as a Starter at Western Golf Course or playing a round of golf around town. If you heard laughter roaring from the clubhouse, it was likely Eddie telling one of his jokes. He loved to make people laugh and he mastered it. His humor and charm will truly be missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will take place on Friday, February 12th from 2:00-8:00 PM. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Rosary Friday 6 PM.

Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Eddie will be in state at the church beginning at 10:30 AM.

For those who can not attend the Funeral Mass, live streaming via Facebook will begin at 10:45 AM at: www.facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Plymouth Goodfellows.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

In state

FEB **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Edmund Joseph Knittel*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Eddie was such a joy to my family and our business. He visited our carwash often and always had us all laughing during his visit. He was a one of kind guy who will be deeply missed. Our deepest condolences to your family.*

Sarah M - February 24, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Out sincere condolences love and hugs too Nina and the Knittel family. May memories of Eddie help too comfort you. He will be miss. His hilarious ways. The stories the jokes his contagious smile and laughter. Rest In Paradise. What a celebration there will be in Heaven. We loved you so much. Fly high Eddie.*

Tim & Bev Majeske - February 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edmund Joseph Knittel.*



February 10, 2021 at 10:05 AM

CP

“ To truly honor him, do not cry for the loss of Eddie. But rather, enjoy memories of all the times he made you snicker, laugh, or even snort to your own embarrassment. He intensely believed that laughter is the best therapy, and he would want us to practice that now. If you knew him, remember his gift for lighting up a room. And no matter who you are, when you think of Eddie instead of being sad, celebrate his life by or using one of his stories to make someone else laugh - really, really hard.

We will miss him so much there is a huge hole left in our family. We loved him for the twinkle in his eye trying to get away with something with us or the dogs or whatever. We loved him for loving us--all of his family. Our tears will flow in the days ahead because of sadness and in joy because of the stories we remember that he told.

Carla Poma - February 09, 2021 at 10:44 PM

BS

“ Eddie could have made millions as a “stand up” comedian. Instead he shared his humor with the many Coppers that he crossed paths with in his career with the Detroit Police Department. Guys like Eddie don't come along very often in life. He brought a smile all that knew him. I'm glad I could call him my friend.

Bob Smith - February 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM

PF

“ Nina I am so sorry for your loss. Ed was such a fun guy, he will be missed. Such a big part of the St. Gemma family and a truly nice man.

Peggie Feeley - February 09, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ We came to love Eddie and Nina through my brother, Chris’s family. Because their grand nephew Patrick played with our son, Jack, they were a constant and supportive presence. But what is special about Eddie and Nina is how they transcended life’s difficulties and always remained kind and loving. As a family, they were always Aunt Nina and Uncle Eddie to us even without relationship, and that remains. Uncle Eddie - know that we all cherish you and loved you. May you Rest In Peace and God’s perpetual light shine upon you. And we know heaven has more laughter with you there. Love you!❤️

Mary Birks - February 08, 2021 at 10:53 PM

TS

“ Condolences to the Knittel family. I had the honor to work with Eddie at ole No.14 Pct DPD. Eddie always had us laughing and was just great to be around. Happy to have been able to call him my friend. R.I.P. Eddie.

Tom Sommerville - February 08, 2021 at 10:00 PM

TC

“ I loved Eddie like he was one of my brothers. He was always the life of the party. He lived to make others laugh. We worked together on the police force and also at Providence Hospital for many years and had crazy times together. I have so many stories from golf trips about Eddie that I like to share with my family. I will miss you Eddie and will always be grateful for the time spent with you!

Tony Conant - February 08, 2021 at 08:40 PM

WE

Go back a long way with Ed from the 13th prect.DPD and later at Providence hospital. Even attended his & Ninas wedding. Rest In Peace partner. Walt Elliott

walter Elliott - February 11, 2021 at 07:41 AM

RM



Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Eddie has left behind a loving family, countless friends, and a million memories in the hearts of all that knew him. 🍀

Tim and Rosie Marciniak

Rosemary Marciniak - February 11, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MM

We have lived next door to Eddie and Nina for 12 years! In fact we actually met Eddie the first day we looked at our house. He was standing out by the driveway to say hello!

We were blessed to have known him even for a short time! Such a beautiful soul he was!

I hope Eddie knows that Don and I will do our best to watch over Nina for him!

I know he is in Heaven with God and at peace. He will be missed but never forgotten❤️

Millie and Don Miller

Millie & Don Miller - February 11, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BB

Hi Nina and Knittel Family, I want to extend my sincere condolences to you. I'm the gentleman that always stopped by the pew at OLGc to say hi to you and Ed. He and I are fellow St. Paul of the Cross retreatants. I had the distinct pleasure many years ago to meet Eddie at a retreat when St. Gemma and our group had been on the same weekend. Ed was always a delight and Fr. Jim Thoman CP would even have Eddie entertain us with a joke when Father ran out of them! Ed is definitely a positive magnet and an enjoyable gentleman to be around - full of mirth and great stories! He will always be a beautiful memory and have special place in our hearts. God bless and hold Ed in His loving embrace and many graces to you and yours during this time of parting.

Bob Babcock

Bob Babcock - March 04, 2021 at 08:11 AM