



E.R. Yoder

January 13, 2007

Earle Yoder, born May 29, 1939 to Ray and LoRene Yoder in Louisville, Ohio, passed away suddenly January 13, 2007. ❖ He leaves a daughter, Kamela Yoder and two granddaughters, Paige and Audrey of Canton, MI, and a son, Sean Yoder, of Livonia, MI. ❖ Known as "old man Yoder", he could be found 24/7 at the auto maintenance garage he and son, Sean operated in Plymouth. ❖ Yoder lived his life on his terms....touching many, rescuing others, driving some crazy, ignoring time, yet making everyone feel special. He gave so much and required little in return. Yoder graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from Tri State University and worked for Ford Motor Co. as a heavy truck engineer for 21 years before opening a business with his son. ❖ Betty Lou, his wife and his children's mother, died tragically in 1970. ❖ He also leaves two sisters, Carol of Syracuse, IN and Audrey of Angola, IN. ❖ Friends and family will be welcome Saturday, January 20, from 1 PM to 6 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. ❖ A brief time of sharing memories will be held at 5 PM. ❖ Memorials to the Yoder Family Education Trust would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Family and friends will gather Saturday Jan 20, 1 PM until 5 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. ❖ To leave a message, ❖ click on the Online Condolences link on this page. ❖



Tribute Wall



“ *E.R. Yoder*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *2nd Christmas...tomorrow will be 2 years w/out hearing your voice....giving me thoses knowing looks...you were a great dad, mom and friend.*

kam - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *This is the first Christmas in my life wout my dad....how strange. Still cannot seem to grasp this. Just seems like I haven't touched base wyou for a while. Think about you most everyday...yet to shed any tears...what's up wthat? Well, you never could stand "emotional" women!!! Miss you like I can never express dad. kam*

kam - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Still expect you to just show up at my house, at the oddest times like you'd do....or to be sitting at your desk at the shop. Just miss ya dad.*

Kam - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Well, Sean was a cool kid in high school because he had a cool dad, and ALSO a cool sister....and you are right to ignore the lights on your dashboard...only "stupid people" pay attention to those!!*

Kam - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ Sean & Cammie - Growing up, I'll always remember your Dad as a warm, solid, caring and fun-natured person who was always interested in us kids. When we came over EVERY DAY after school to your home "by the woods" in Livonia to hang out - play pool, watch TV or ride bikes in the woods - - he would always stop what he was doing to ask us "so what's going on? what is new? what are you up to?". Your Dad would look us right in the eyes, give us a quick read, offer that short but sincere attention to us, always giving us great respect. Those nicknames were also another fun-loving thing he did for us (I did not always live up to one of my names "Jonny-be-good" !!!) Because your Dad was so sharp under that "soft exterior", you just knew he had tabs on what was going on - even though he gave us kids our space. He gave us all a "long rope" when we were together having fun, but we all had real mutual respect for him, as he treated us like adults. We thus respected him, his house, etc. - it worked! Looking back, I truly appreciated his combination of soft spoken care for others coupled with a quick wit and humor. For years growing up, I always looked forward to going over to your house and talking with your Dad in your garage or in his office to just say hello. He was a great guy that we will all miss. I loved growing up with you guys and knowing your Dad. Sean, you were one of the "cool" kids in school - - - and you can give some credit to your Dad for that - - -because he was a "cool" Dad too! It was great to see you both - take care - Jonathan Strong

Jonathan Strong - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ I always called him "Daddy Yoder". Kam and I met over 10 years ago waitressing together and daddy Yoder would come in to hang out and chat, he always had his green sharpie out and didn't hesitate to draw lifes solutions out for us. Mostly I know so much about him through Kam and have to say THANK YOU to him for giving me the bestest friend anyone could ever have. He has left a legacy with so many and I am grateful to have known him. Oh and there are three lights on presently on my dashboard.....but hey we won't look at those. Hee hee.

Colleen Southers - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DA

“ I just want to say how sorry I am about Yoder's passing,he is a true friend to me! i would of been there but I am very sick,I have shingles. R.I.P Yoder!! miss you

Dawn - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Dear Sean & Kammie, I was very shocked and deeply saddened to here about your sudden loss of your father. I was actually looking in the obituaries for the father of another close friend "john faes" whose father passed away on jan. 14th and was very shocked to see "OLD MAN YODER" in there. I can't possibly say enough good things about your dad. It's been a few years since I had seen him, but was just talking about him a week ago thurs. with a new motown salesman who knows earle form Dealers Automotive "keith woodburn" and we were saying how great of a person he is. It was alway's a pleasure to answer the phone and hear "Is this motown ted or is this T-Type ted? Yoder here he would say or old man yoder here. Over the years it was wonderful to have a guy like earle to fix our cars and keep us smiling and laughing with his sense of humor whether under the hood of a car or behind his desk or even going way back to all hours of the day at Ram's Horn. I would always like to go to the shop and see where you might him [usually asleep] somewhere and he would say, I wasn't sleeping I was watching the train go by. Your dad will alway's be in our hearts and in our thoughts. Again, what a "GREAT MAN" OLD MAN YODER was and will be missed by everyone who ever knew him.

TED WHITE & FAMILY - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BY

“ Our years fun and growing up together in Lousiville are fondly remembered. We send heartfelt sympathies and prayers of comfort for your family. Rest In Peace.....Myrtis and Byron

Byron and Myrtis Shore Yake - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MG

“ My husband and I were deeply saddened to hear that Yoder had passed away. I was ?Sam the painter?s wife, who worked in the Food business?. Yoder would always tell me what a crazy business it was and share stories about his friends he knew. He knew I worked a lot and he would call the office and tell me to go home to ? that crazy husband? with all his animals. He would always tell me that my husband needed a small donkey and threatened to get that donkey for my husband and leave it in the backyard? Mostly I will remember the talks we had about my son and daughter when they were going through some rough times. He would always say kind things and make me smile and tell me all would be ok one day. He once was in my house with my husband and a few days later he called me. He said he had taken something of my son?s. It was a weird drawing my son had done (he was 17). He told me my son was very talented and creative and a week later, he brought me that picture back and had framed it for me to hang. That picture is still hanging and will remind me of your dad. He was a kind and caring soul.. I will miss the talks and advice. I know my husband has lost a good friend and he will miss him greatly.

MarySue, Sam (the painter), Sarah and Adam Gjokaj - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ **TWO MOSQUITOS AND A HOUSEFLY** Driving in the snow Lil Jack Daniels bottles and trains (chris 'hurl') Christmas Curtis Rd. house Moose liquor He will rest in peace! Goodbye to a great man.

John Hamilton - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ Mr. Yoder definitely left his mark on a lot of people, and I was one of them. I believe it was Earl who got me my first job at Ram's Horn as a busboy twenty plus years ago. He also had a unique way of explaining how things worked on a car, pretty good, considering he was an engineer! Mr. Yoder also liked to give Sean's friends nicknames, mine was "SMILING JAMES THE MOOCH", the reason being that I was always bumming cigarettes from my friends. My brother Rick was an auto mechanic and used to do some painting. He did a rush job for me once, and it wasn't perfect. Earl saw the paint job and dubbed him "RICK THE PAINTER, TWO MOSQUITOS AND A HOUSEFLY". I had a lot of fun with that nickname for a few years. I'm actually laughing right now thinking about how Mr. Yoder used to give him a hard time about that one paint job! Anyways, I will always remember the things he taught me about cars, and life in general. Sean & Kammy, my prayers are with you both.

Jim Hamilton - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ We have known Mr. Yoder for at least 15 years. He is already missed today, as he would show up at our office almost every Friday to pick up a vehicle, turn in a bill, get paid, ask about various family members, and/or visit for awhile, and maybe have something to eat. Last Friday, the 12th, he was here early afternoon picking up a vehicle for only a short time. He said that he had to hurry and was trying to get over the flu, but just could not shake it. Mr. Yoder had a devilish side, always playing pranks on us, some bigger than others. Two years ago, unbeknownst to me, he and Sean deposited a mini-outhouse in our backyard at home. It was actually very cute, with window boxes and other decorations on it, but still an outhouse. I discovered it when I came home from work that evening. He almost fell over laughing when I called him and asked about it. Between laughs, he said that I would smile each time I looked out the kitchen window (and I did) and that it looked great among the perennials! A few months later, he and Sean came and got it. He also thought that I should have paid him rent for that great yard decor! There were lots of things that we loved about Mr. Yoder. We will never forget and will always miss him and his jokes and pranks. Sincerely, The Priests and all at MLP & Associates, Inc.

Mike & Pat, Evan & Renee, Brady & Ashton Priest, M - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

C(

“ Sean and Cammie, I just found voicemails from Mrs. White and Jim (in AZ), telling me of the loss of your father. I was surprised and saddened. (Recently I was telling Don that the closing of Sheldon would be hard on Earl's business..) Hard to think of him being gone... I never knew your dad, but felt like I did from the many stories I heard from the boys and White's. They thought so much of him. I know that he will be missed by many. Know that you will be in my prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. Mrs. Carol Hamilton

Carol Hamilton (Don,Rick,John,Jim) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SE

“ We are so sorry to hear about Yoder .. he was truly a blessing to so many people... he came into Bob Evans alot and we enjoyed seeing him.. He would come in to the restaurant with those white overalls on so everyone knew who he was He told us jokes and always made a point to say hi to all the people he knew.. He was so thoughtful and very interesting to talk to..he will truly be missed... He reminded me of my dad and I would tell him that and he would laugh and say that poor man haha...He was just in the restaurant on Friday the 12th with his funny sence of humor and of course his white overalls.. I am sure his family knows how important of a man he was and how well he was thought of..

Sherry and Lesley (Bob Evans) - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NS

“*Kamela and Sean, I was shocked to hear of the untimely death of your father, Earle. I'm sure you do not remember me, but my memories go back to the mid to late 1960's at Trinity Church of the Brethren. My husband Bob, who was the choir director, and I; our four children; my parents, Theo and Mae Hoover, and sisters Betty and Diane all knew and dearly loved your family. I remember your parents being among the first to appear at my parents' home when my dad died in September of '67. Your mother readily volunteered to hem the trousers for one of my sons so he could wear them to the funeral. Your mother and dad took such good care of my stepmother, Mae and sister Diane after my dad's death. We were so appreciative of all they did. Then, I also remember the tragic accident which took your mother's life. She was a beautiful, vivacious young woman and we all grieved her death. May God grant you the strength needed for the facing of this hour. Sincerely, Nancy Stoner P.S. Having experienced many losses in my immediate family, I now facilitate support groups for New Hope in Northville. After the shock of this loss subsides, you will feel a much deeper pain of grief. Please let me offer support for you and your family. (734) 464-8160.*

Nancy Stoner - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SP

“ I was so saddened to hear the news of your fathers passing. He touch a lot of lives with his special ways. He would give me a call at work to let me know he would be by to pick up my car. He always had a bit of advice or a little joke to tell. He never seemed to be in a hurry, he always acted like he had all the time in the world. We all know how busy he really was, so he must have worked late into the night to make up the time we spent talking. When he returned my car, the ashtray would be full of chocolate "Kisses". He say to me, now don't you be sharing those with that husband of yours, these are just for you. He had a way of making everyone feel special. I'll miss my talks with him. I'll miss his friendship.

Shirley Paff - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KA

“ Your girls will miss you dad...but we are all ok. You did your job, and did it well, and now you can get some rest...WITHOUT your feet propped up at your desk and a Coke in your hand!! I have no regrets, nothing I wished I'd have said to you...you and I just got eachother. Hey, now you are with Mom...BUT...she is only 30!!! I will always be proud to be your daughter...and have the name Yoder.

kam,paige,&audrey - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DS

“ We were shocked when we saw Earl's obituary in the Dt. Free Press. We want to extend to his family our deepest sympathy. We both grew up in the same congregation (Lockport) as your mother Betty Lou, and you were attending our church at Trinity Church of the Brethren at the time of her death. On a number of different occasions we ran into Earl at restaurants, at his place of business, and other places. We always got greeting, a big smile and enjoyed another short visit with him. We also wish to extend our sympathy to his sisters. We also learned to know Carol and her husband during the short time they attended Trinity.

Denzel & Merna Short - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JG

“ Hi, Sean, this is J.R. Griffin, and I just heard about your father's passing. I wanted to send my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your father was truly a great man. Whenever I came by the garage, he would always stop was he was doing to talk to me, ask how I was doing, and share stories and a joke or two. He also usually greeted me with a "What did you do to the car now?" and a smile. I have missed him and you both since I left Detroit, and wish I could be there in person. We will continue to pray for you and think of you and your family in your time of grief. J.R. Griffin

J.R. Griffin - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about Yoder's passing. We both have a lot of fond memories of him. We knew Yoder through our jobs where he always had a way of putting a smile on our face. He had a unique way of touching you. We know Sean and felt as if we knew Kamela, Paige and Audrey because he often spoke of them and our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Rob & Laurie Melavey - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BF

“ We couldn't believe it when we heard that Earl had passed away. He seems too young to go. We are grateful he didn't suffer much. We extend our deepest sympathies to you, the family, and will be praying for you in the days ahead. I, Jo Anne, have many fond memories of Earl from childhood. He will continue to live on in my heart and memory. You have our deepest sympathy.

Barney & Jo Anne Nussbaum Frey - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LM

“ we want to express our sincere sympathy to Earles family Kamy & Sean and to Carol and Audra was looking forward to our 50 class reunion this year since I hadnt been in touch with Earle for so many years.

Lowell & Joyce Miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM