



Mark James Cady, Sr.

September 21, 1924 - June 29, 2018

Cady, Mark James Sr., June 29, 2018 age 93 of Plymouth. He was born in Detroit Michigan on September 21, 1924. Mark was preceded in death by his darling wife and dearest friend, Ellen Lee Cady (Smith). They remained devoted after 63 years of marriage and always shared their deepest thoughts about family, faith and everyday subjects. Mark is survived by his seven loving children and their spouses, Mark James Jr. (Minnijo) Cady, Elisa Marie Cady, Michelle Anne (Foster, dec) Freydl, Elaine Therese (William) Pearson, Jeanne Madeleine Cady, Paula Elizabeth Cady, and Maura Lee (Scott) Cady-Rye. He was a loving Grandfather to Neal (Becky) Pearson, Nathan Pearson (dec), Craig (Kelsey) Pearson, Justin Pearson, Britta Pearson, Mark James Cady III, Meryn Underhill-Cady, Ian Underhill-Cady, and a loving Great-Grandfather to Genevieve, Ruby & William Pearson, Zoey and Piper Lee Pearson.

The eldest child of Walter Dewey and Irene Ruth (Aubin) Cady. Dear brother to Barbara, Beverly, Joan, Paul (Dec), Patricia and John (dec). Mark was raised in Detroit, Michigan, appreciating life in the growing Motor City. While attending St. Mary's of Redford High School, he played football on the Rustic team and played trombone. He graduated in 1942 and was drafted into the United States Army in October 1943. He served in the 87th Infantry Division and was honorably discharged in April 1946. He served in the European theater, including England, Belgium and France. Due to severe frostbite, he fortunately missed the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944 and was transferred back to England where he served in the Army Aircorp until 1946.

Mark met his darling Lee after WWII through the Detroit Catholic singles club called the "Toby Club." He had met the Scottish lass of his dreams who married him and they raised their family of seven children. They moved to Plymouth Michigan in 1977 and enjoyed many years together in their country dream home.

Mark graduated from the University of Detroit where he became a Mechanical Engineer; and in 1960 he earned his Professional Engineering Certification. He was a Chief Engineering Manager at Cox Instruments in Detroit with approximately 75 engineers under his leadership. He was the first President and Senior Founding Partner of Testek, Inc. founded on July 20, 1969 (the day of the first moonwalk). Testek remains the worldwide leader of custom test equipment design and development.

As a result of his love for cars, he was one of the founding members of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan where he enjoyed driving his 1957 Jaguar XK-150 on road rallies with his brother-in-law, Bill. The JAG club is celebrating their 51st anniversary this year.

Mark was also an active and faithful member of Our Lady of Good Counsel where he served the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society and PBJ Outreach.

Mark's retirement years were spent traveling, embracing technology, continuing his life-long love for photography and cars, working in his workshop and even trying his hand at the piano, but he mainly treasured spending time with his darling wife, Lee.

Visitation Thursday, July 12, 2018, 4-8 pm at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. West, Plymouth, MI (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In state Friday, July 13th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI. Interment Saturday, July 14th Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel or St. Vincent de Paul.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

JUL **12.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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In state

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

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

Funeral Mass

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark James Cady, Sr.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *For those of us so fortunate to be in the circle of friends always included in the legendary Beisiegler/Cady gatherings, inseparable from those fond memories are the thoughts of Mr. and Mrs. Cady - always together, and always generous of heart and hospitality. The memory of them both will live on in so very many of us. Thank you for sharing them with your friends. (Carol Grant)*

Carol Grant - July 10, 2018 at 09:59 AM

IS

“ I remember when I was a boy in the 60's my own late parents saying "The Americans" were coming home. We met them at Prestwick airport after they flew in from Detroit, my dad meeting his sister Lee, and brother Bill, with their respective spouses, and this was my first introduction to my Uncle Mark.

Americans were a bit thin on the ground in Bellshill, Scotland where we lived, so never having met one before he sounded like the cowboys you'd see in a movie, although minus the ten gallon hat I'm sad to say, more than that he had this big smile, and a warmth about him too.

That first introduction has stuck with me all these years, and over those years I got to introduce my wife Michelle, and our two boys to Uncle Mark either here in Scotland, or whenever we ventured across the pond.

In the years we have known Mark, he has always been a very kind, thoughtful, funny, and very generous man, nothing was ever too much trouble. As time marches on the extended family scattered in the four corners of the earth have lost another one of its fine members, but like the rest of those who have passed, they will never be forgotten.

Our heartfelt condolences to the remaining "Americans" and although we can't make it across, we will say a prayer for your dad to wish him god speed on his final journey home.

Lots of Love

Ian, Michelle, Michael and Nicholas

Ian Smith - July 10, 2018 at 08:47 AM

MT

“ I have so many memories of Mr Cady. He was a part of my childhood growing up. Elaine, Jeanne, Marcy and I were like the fearsome foursome(as fearsome as 4 teenage girls could be 😊) always together. I think he got a kick out of all of us. He would say 'hi Mick' when I would come in. He was a kind and gentle person who always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. Mikey Terry

mikey terry - July 09, 2018 at 04:41 PM

PL

“ So sorry to hear that Mr. Cady has left us! I know my parents enjoyed his friendship over the years and I'll always remember him with that warm, enthusiastic smile. May God bless his memory and comfort his family in this time of loss.
With my very best wishes
Paul Lorenger

Paul Lorenger - July 09, 2018 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ The Harris and Terry families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark James Cady, Sr..



The Harris and Terry families - July 09, 2018 at 08:21 AM

MH

“ Simply one of the kindest, funniest men I ever knew. His life was a blessing to all.

Marcy Harris - July 09, 2018 at 07:22 AM

MC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Maura Cady-Rye - July 08, 2018 at 03:36 PM